CHAPTER 1:
THE LAST MOMENT OF KUROJAKI
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HAHAHA!
YOU WEAK-ASSED KOGAS! IS THAT YOUR BEST?!
GYAAH !!
GRRR!!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST BROKE A SWEAT!
GUAAAH!

AAH..
HEHE..
MASSACRE THEM ALL!
DO IT, DO IT! THERE HE GOES!

YELP!
GRRR!
GYAAH!

UAGH!!
GRR!!
YIPE!

HEHE.. I'M GETTING FIRED UP..
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE GUYS CAN REALLY FIGHT!
AA.. AMAZ ING..!!
YOU BASTARDS! SAVE SOME FOR ME!!
RYAAAH!!
IT'S HIM.. JOHN..?!
HUH?!
!!

HE'S COME TO JOIN OUR TROOPS TOO?!
GIN'S FRIEND !!
I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU CAME BACK!!
OH.. I KNOW THAT VOICE..
IT'S ME, JOHN. REMEMBER ME? I'M HELPING YOU!
SORRY FOR THE DELAY, LEADER!

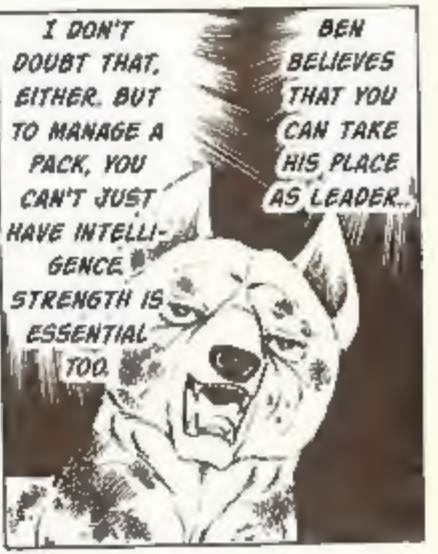
LOOKS LIKE WE WON THIS FIGHT..

PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T KILL US..!!
WAIT.. HOLD ON..!!

YOU ASSHOLE, DAMN YOU TO HELL..!!
WHAT THE HELL... YOU'RE BACK?!
FORGIVE ME! I JUST WANTED TO STAY ALIVE!
STOP IT, KAI DOG..
NOW YOU'RE DOING THE KILLING? HAHA..
I SAID I'D KILL YOU THE NEXT TIME I SAW YOU.

YOU WILL DIE! I WON'T LET YOU LIVE IN DISGRACE!
YOU BASTARDS !!
DON'T KILL THEM.
!!
WAIT, KAI!
QUIET!!
THAT'S RIGHT! HOW WOULD YOU SLEEP PEACEFULLY KNOWING THEY'RE AROUND?!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, WE CAN'T HAVE CANNI-BALS IN OUR PACK!
THAT'S STUPID, BEN!
YEAH RIGHT, ASSHOLE!
HEY, COME ON.. WE SWEAR! WE'D NEVER BE CANNIBALS AGAIN!
IT WAS THE BOSS! EVERYONE HAD TO OBIDE BY KUROJAKI'S RULES!
WE'RE NOT BECOMING A BUNCH OF THOUGHT-LESS KILLERS.
THE KILLING ENDS HERE.
DID NOBODY KILL HIM..?!
COME TO MENTION IT.. KUROJAKI ISN'T HERE!
THEY MUST BE NEAR!
HURRY! FIND THEM!
WAIT.. GIN AND AKAME AREN'T HERE EITHER!
WHERE DID THAT SON OF A BITCH RUN OFF TO?!

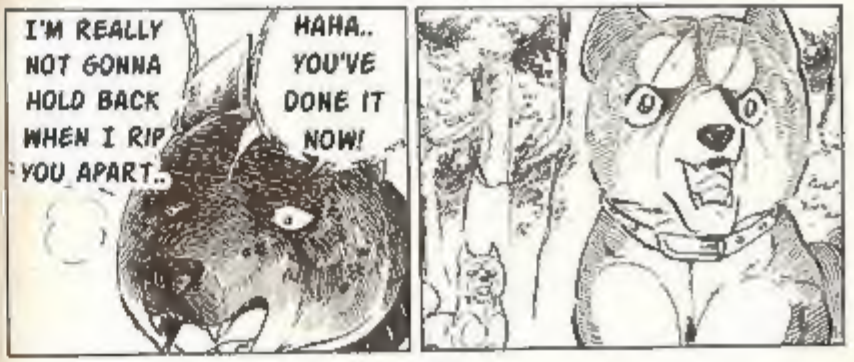
GIN, LET ME SEE IF YOU HAVE THAT STRENGTH..


I DON'T DOUBT THAT, EITHER. BUT TO MANAGE A PACK, YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE INTELLI-GENCE. STRENGTH IS ESSENTIAL TOO.
BEN BELIEVES THAT YOU CAN TAKE HIS PLACE AS LEADER..

GRR!!

YOU LITTLE SHIT!!

NUAGH!!
UAGH!

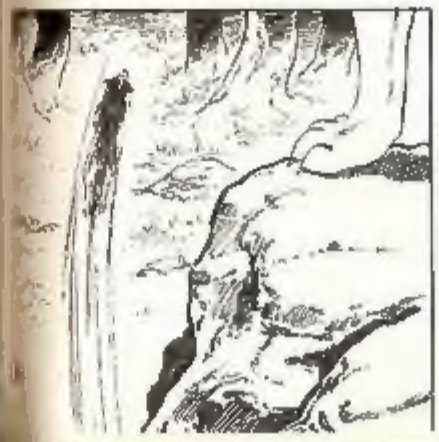

I'M REALLY NOT GONNA HOLD BACK WHEN I RIP YOU APART..
HAHA.. YOU'VE DONE IT NOW!

ADULT OR KID, I WON'T LET YOU LIVE!
EVERY LAST IGA WHO WENT UP AGAINST ME HAS MET THE SAME FATE!

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE!
YOU'RE WAY INFERIOR TO OUR REAL ENEMY, AKAKABUTO!

GIN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
THERE THEY ARE! OVER THERE!

DAMN ..!!



BRACE YOURSELF !
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY, KUROJAKI!!

ARE YOU GOING TO ABANDON HIM, TOO?!
ARE YOU GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS TOO, KUROJAKI?!

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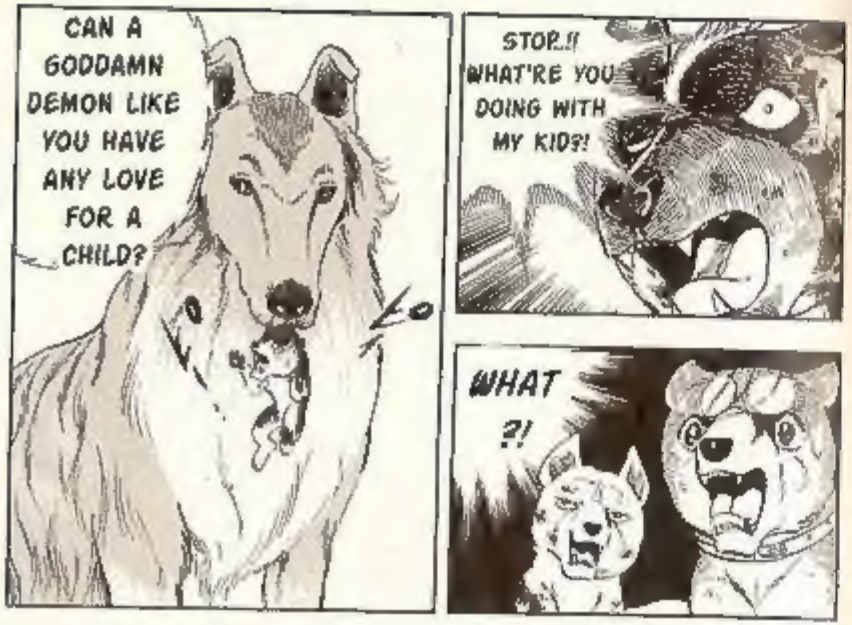
AAH..
YOU..!!
AAH!!


CAN A GODDAMN DEMON LIKE YOU HAVE ANY LOVE FOR A CHILD?
STOP.!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING WITH MY KID?!
WHAT ?!

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO..?!
STOP, ASS-HOLE!
SOON YOU'LL FEEL IT JUST THE SAME!!
THE GRIEF I ENDURED .. REAL PAIN..

AAH!!

!!
!!

EYE FOR AN EYE, FANG FOR A FANG!
THIS CHILD'S CURSE IS MY REVENGE!

HOW CAN HE... IT'S JUST A KID..!
HE'S GONNA BEAT IT TO DEATH!

VAAGH!!

IT HURTS !!
SHUT UP, YOU BASTARD !
WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE CAN HELP ?
FOOL... TYPICAL FEMALE..
OHH..
I'LL SEND EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU TO HELL!
GRR ..

..AND IN TURN, SACRIFICED YOUR OWN CHILD!
YOU GODDAMN FOOL! YOU'VE KILLED YOUR ENEMY
WHY THE HELL..
CROSS ..!!

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UAAH!!
GRR..
MUAGH
!!
GRRR
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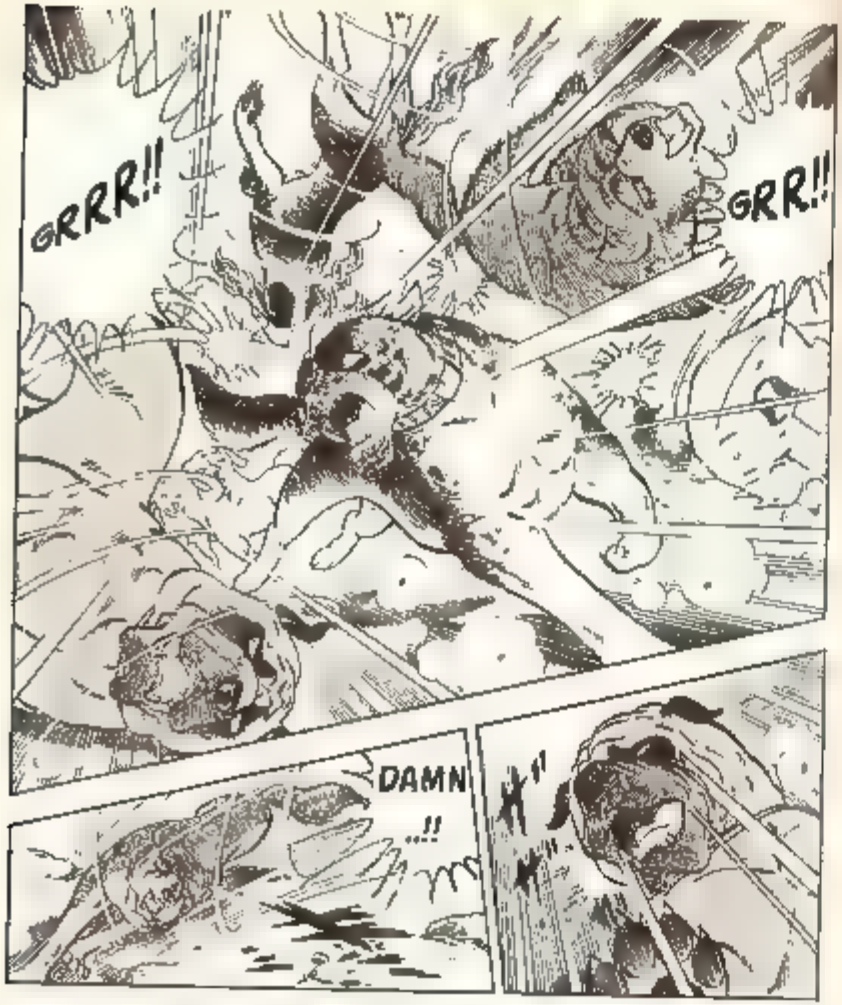
GRRR!!
GRR!!
DAMN
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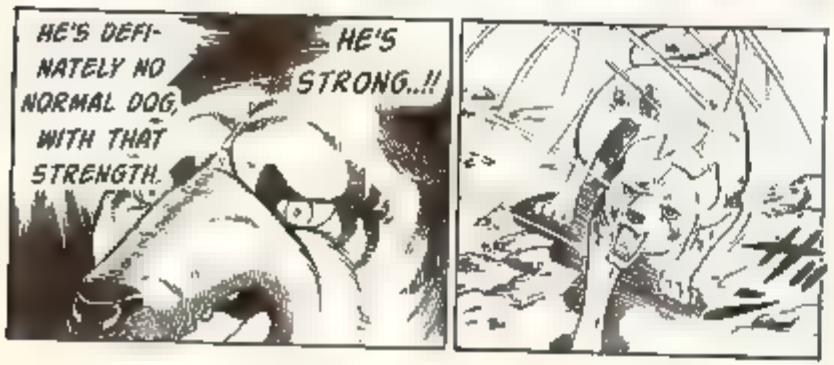
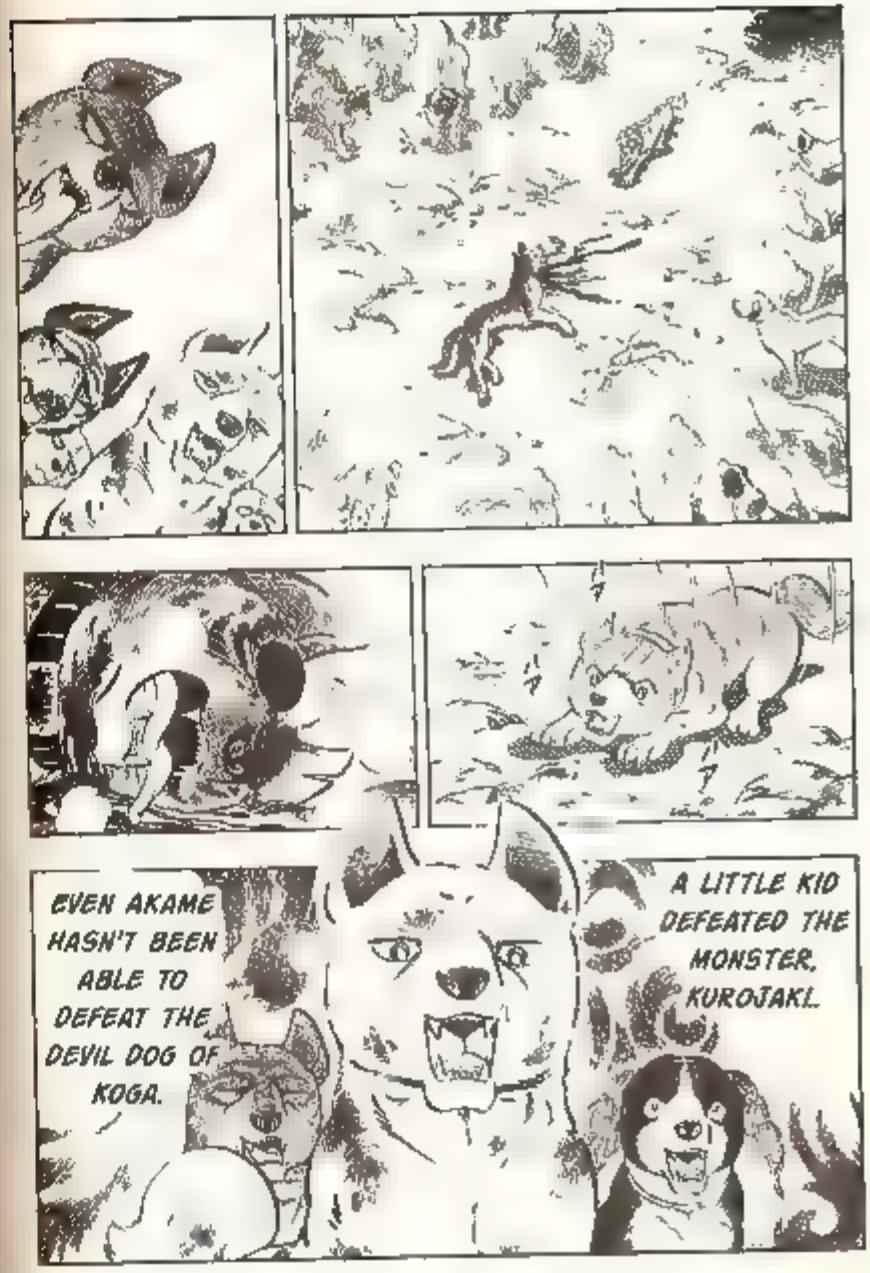
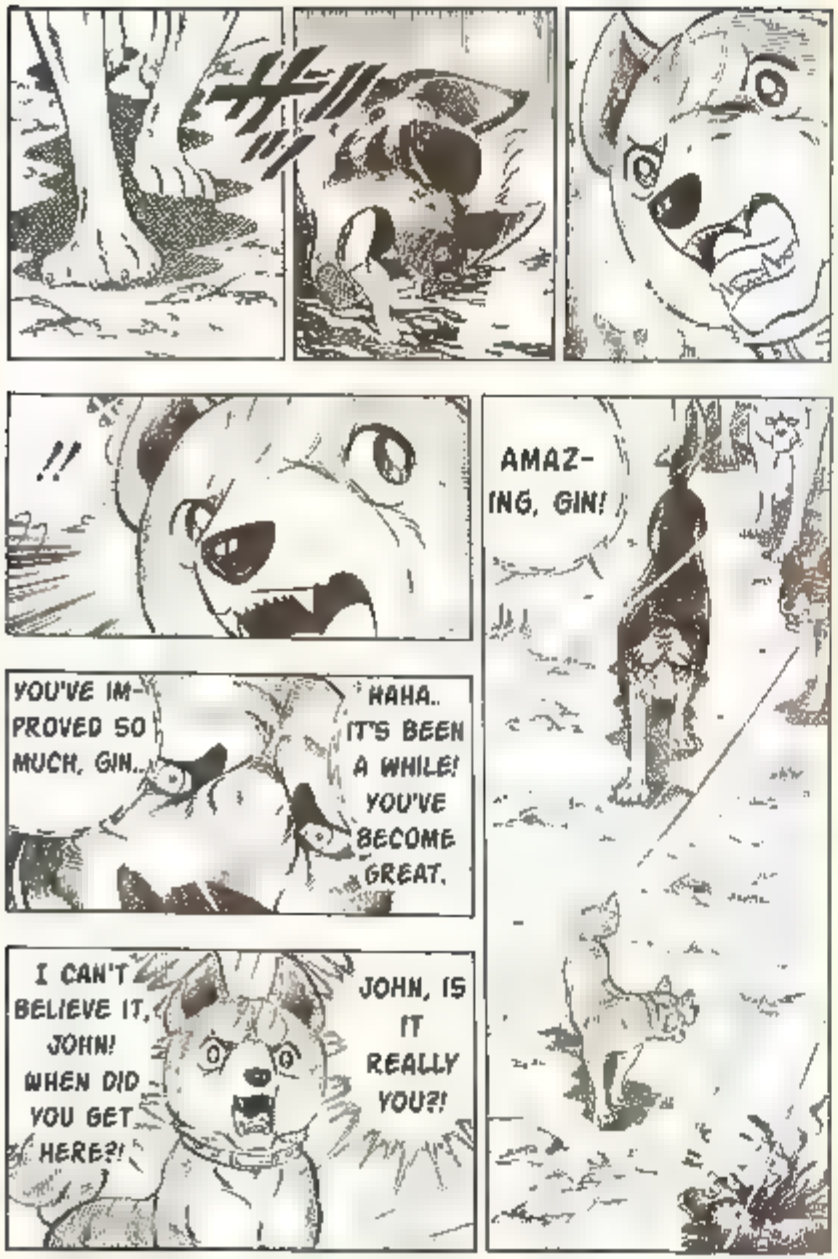

HE'S DEFI-
NATELY NO
NORMAL DOG,
WITH THAT
STRENGTH..
HE'S
STRONG..!!

GRR!!
UAAGH
!!
SEEING THAT KID GO DOWN REALLY MADE KUROJAKI LOSE IT
HE'S ATTACK-ING SO HARD, HE'S LET DOWN HIS DEFENSES.
FIGHT ME, KUROJAKI! COME ON!
WITH HOW HE IS RIGHT NOW, I HAVE A CHANCE!

THAT ATTACK ..!!
WHAT THE HELL IS GIN DOING?!

HOWEVER, THIS CONSTANT MOVING LEFT HIS OWN DEFENSES OPEN.
GIN WAS ATTACKING AS HE USUALLY WOULD WITH HIS TEETH, BUT NOW HE WAS TURNING.
GIN EASILY TORE INTO KUROJAKI'S WEAK SPOT
BECAUSE OF THIS, HE DROVE FORWARD WITH ALL HE COULD.


EVEN AKAME HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT THE DEVIL DOG OF KOGA.
A LITTLE KID DEFEATED THE MONSTER, KUROJAKI.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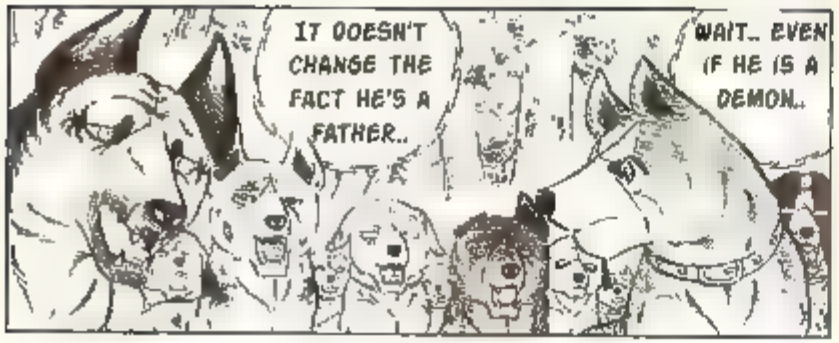
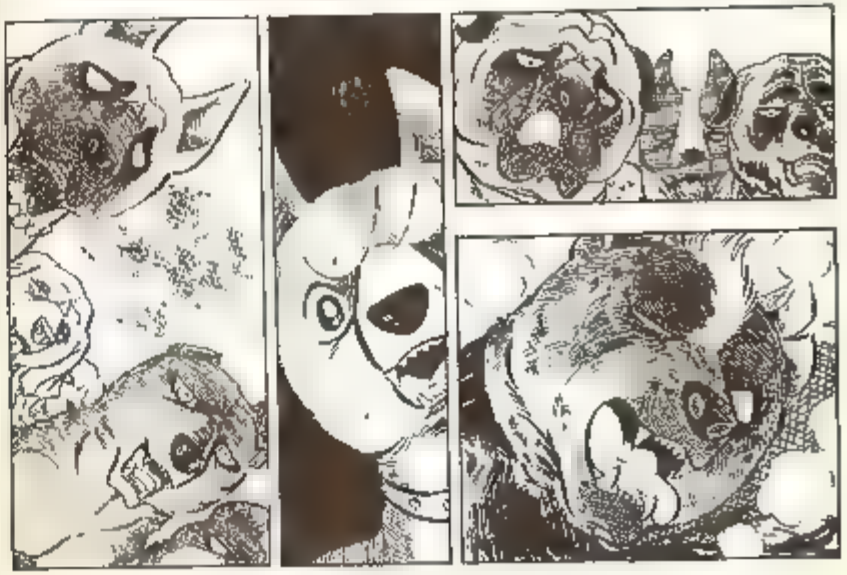
AMAZ-ING, GIN!
YOU'VE IM-PROVED SO MUCH, GIN..
HAHA.. IT'S BEEN A WHILE! YOU'VE BECOME GREAT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, JOHN! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!
JOHN, IS IT REALLY YOU?!

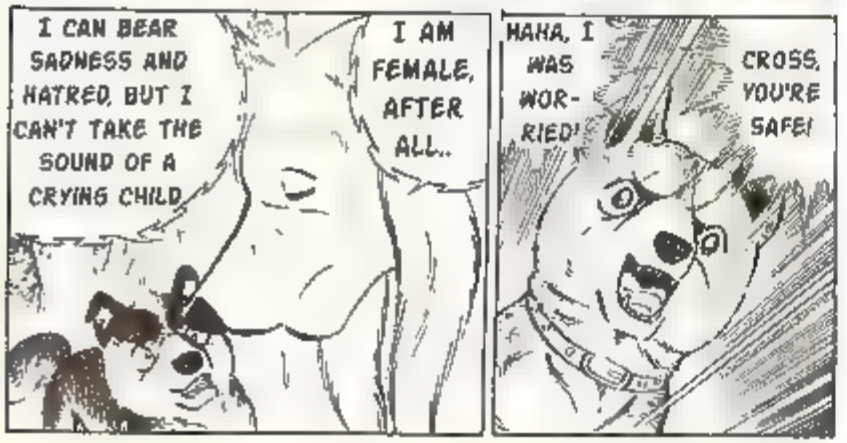

WHAT'LL YOU DO WITH HIM?
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

SOMEHOW, I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THIS FIGHT..
I MET WITH THEM COMING BACK HERE.

WHETHER HE LIVES OR DIES IS YOUR CALL.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DEFEATED HIM..

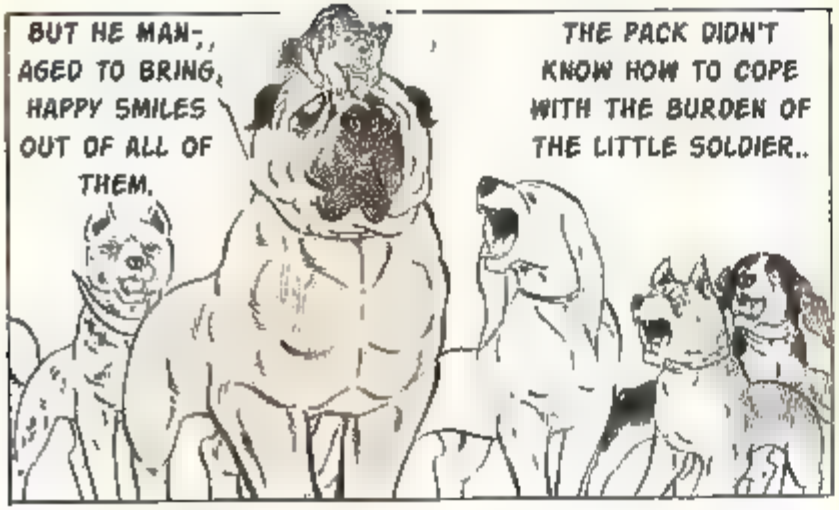


IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT HE'S A FATHER..
WAIT.. EVEN IF HE IS A DEMON..


I CAN BEAR SADNESS AND HATRED, BUT I CAN'T TAKE THE SOUND OF A CRYING CHILD.
I AM FEMALE, AFTER ALL..
HAHA, I WAS WOR-RIED!
CROSS, YOU'RE SAFE!

YOU MAY BE A REMORSE-LESS DEMON, BUT THIS KID STILL NEEDS YOU.
KUROJAKI, GO WHER-EVER YOU LIKE.
YES!!
LET'S GO, EV-ERYONE! WE CAN'T SPEND ANY LONGER IN THIS PLACE!
UAAGHH ..
UAGHH..
UGH..

WHINE
WHINE
I'VE JOINED A SOFT, SILLY PACK..
HAHA, I SEE..


BUT HE MANAGED TO BRING HAPPY SMILES OUT OF ALL OF THEM.
THE PACK DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THE BURDEN OF THE LITTLE SOLDIER..

HE'D JOINED THE PACK IN ORDER TO BEGIN A NEW START IN LIFE.
AND FINALLY, A COLLIE NAMED WILSON.

..AND AKAME'S FOUR FOLLOWERS.
NEW SOLDIERS HAD JOINED. AKAME..

AND A FAMILIAR FIRST-CLASS FIGHTER. JOHN.
SEVEN OF KUROJAKI'S FOLLOWERS..

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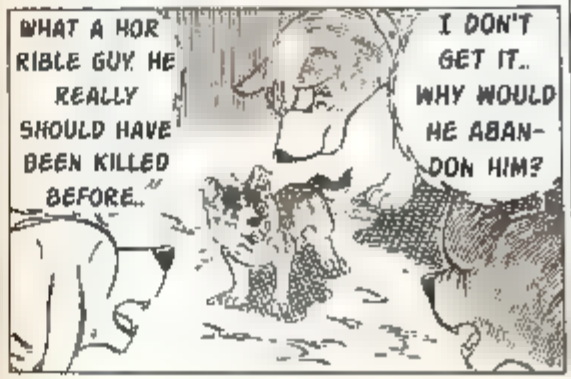
WHAT A HORRIBLE GUY. HE REALLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BEFORE.."
I DON'T GET IT.. WHY WOULD HE ABANDON HIM?

LOOK UP THERE!
THAT'S KUROJAKI'S KID, ISN'T IT?

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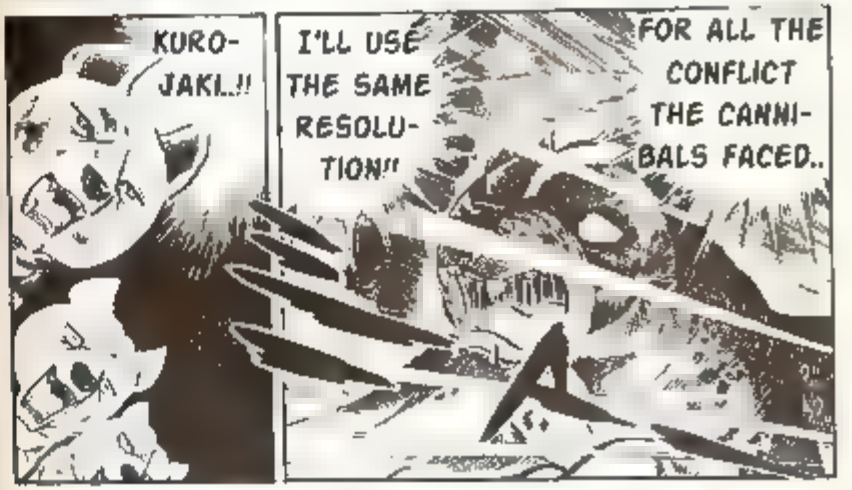
OUR CONFLICT BURNS DOWN HERE
THIS IS THE BEST THING TO DO.
OUR MASTER'S DOCU-MENTS WERE IN THERE
CHIEF THIS IS OUR HOUSE OF THE IGA

THEY'RE THE PAST ORDERS OF HUMANS!
ENOUGH OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF PROTECTING THEM!
WE SHOULD HAVE QUIT THIS LONG AGO
ENOUGH OF THIS USELESS QUARREL
KURO-JAKI!!
BULL-SHIT!!
NUAAGH !!

YOU DAMN COWARD!
AKAME!!
KUROJAKI! YOU'RE STILL..
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO BE.
IT'S FOR THE BEST THE TIME FOR US NINJA DOGS TO STOP PROTECTING THE ORDERS OF OUR MASTER HAS COME.
SO MUCH SO, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BURN AND ERASE THEM?!
DOES US GETTING HOLD OF THOSE DOCUMENTS REALLY SCARE YOU THAT MUCH?!

I'LL ACCOM-
PLISH THAT
MISSION BY
SACRIFICING
MY OWN LIFE!
MY MISSION
WAS TO BRING
BACK THOSE
DOCUMENTS..!

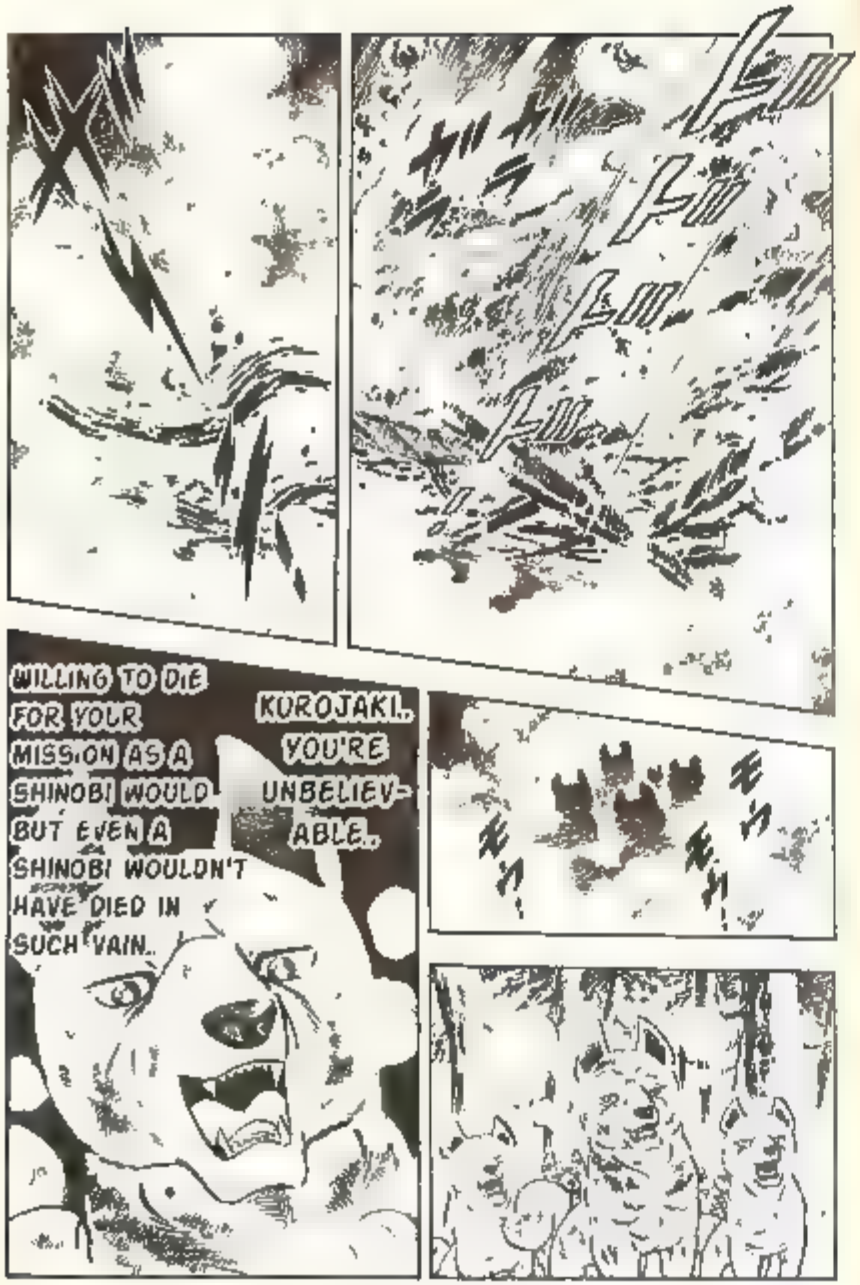

KURO-
JAKI..!!
I'LL USE
THE SAME
RESOLU-
TION!!
FOR ALL THE
CONFLICT
THE CANNI-
BALS FACED..

GUAAH!
UAAGH!

NYAAH!

LORD
KURO-
JAKI!
CHIEF!

LORD KURO-JAKI!
NYAAH!
UAAH!
DO YOU ALL WANT TO DIE?!
STOP!


WILLING TO DIE FOR YOUR MISSION AS A SHINOBI WOULD BUT EVEN A SHINOBI WOULDN'T HAVE DIED IN SUCH VAIN..
KUROJAKI.. YOU'RE UNBELIEV-ABLE..

THE CIRCUS STAYED IN TOBA..
WE WERE HAPPY UNTIL JANUARY. WE CAME WITH THE CIRCUS HERE, TO MIE..
I WAS ABANDONED IN THE MOUNTAINS, ON TOP OF THAT, TIED TO A TREE..
HUMANS LIKE THAT REALLY EXIST..?
BUT HE MUST HAVE KILLED MY MATE AND SON IN A SINGLE BLOW. I FOUND THEIR BONES AND FUR IN A CAVE A WHILE LATER..
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE ATTACKED THEM..
HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE.
AS EXPECTED OF THAT BASTARD.

MY ACT WAS TO PERFORM ACROBATICS. I COULD DO IT ALL.
I WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CIRCUS..
OUR MASTER, HIROSE-SAN.. WAS REALLY KIND TO US. WE WERE HAPPY..
MY SON AND MY MATE, LEAN, TRAVELLED THE COUNTRY WITH THEM.

THAT FAST BASTARD IS RUNNING AWAY.!
HEY, OVER THERE, AKATORA!
WHY GO AFTER WEASELS AND FIELDMICE? SUCH SMALL PREY..!
ARE THOSE KAIS PLAYING AROUND AGAIN..?
CATCH HIM! DON'T LET HIM GO!
YOU LOT!!
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IT DOESN'T MATTER. KUROJAKI IS DEAD
HIS FOLLOWERS AREN'T HERE..
NOW YOU MENTION IT..
I LIT THE HOUSE OF IGA ON FIRE, AND HE JUMPED DIRECTLY INTO IT
ALONG WITH EVERY LAST ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS.
I WONDER IF GOD HAD ANY MERCY ON HIS HORRIBLE SOUL.

THIS PACK IS YOURS? I WAS TERRIFIED!
HUH..?! WHAT THE HELL..?
YOU ASSHOLE! IT'S JUST MORNING DEW!
HAHA.. YOU EVEN PISSED YOURSELF!
I CAME TO SEND WORD FROM THE FIFTH PLATOON.
YES..
YOUR GROUP WENT WEST, DIDN'T THEY?

PANT
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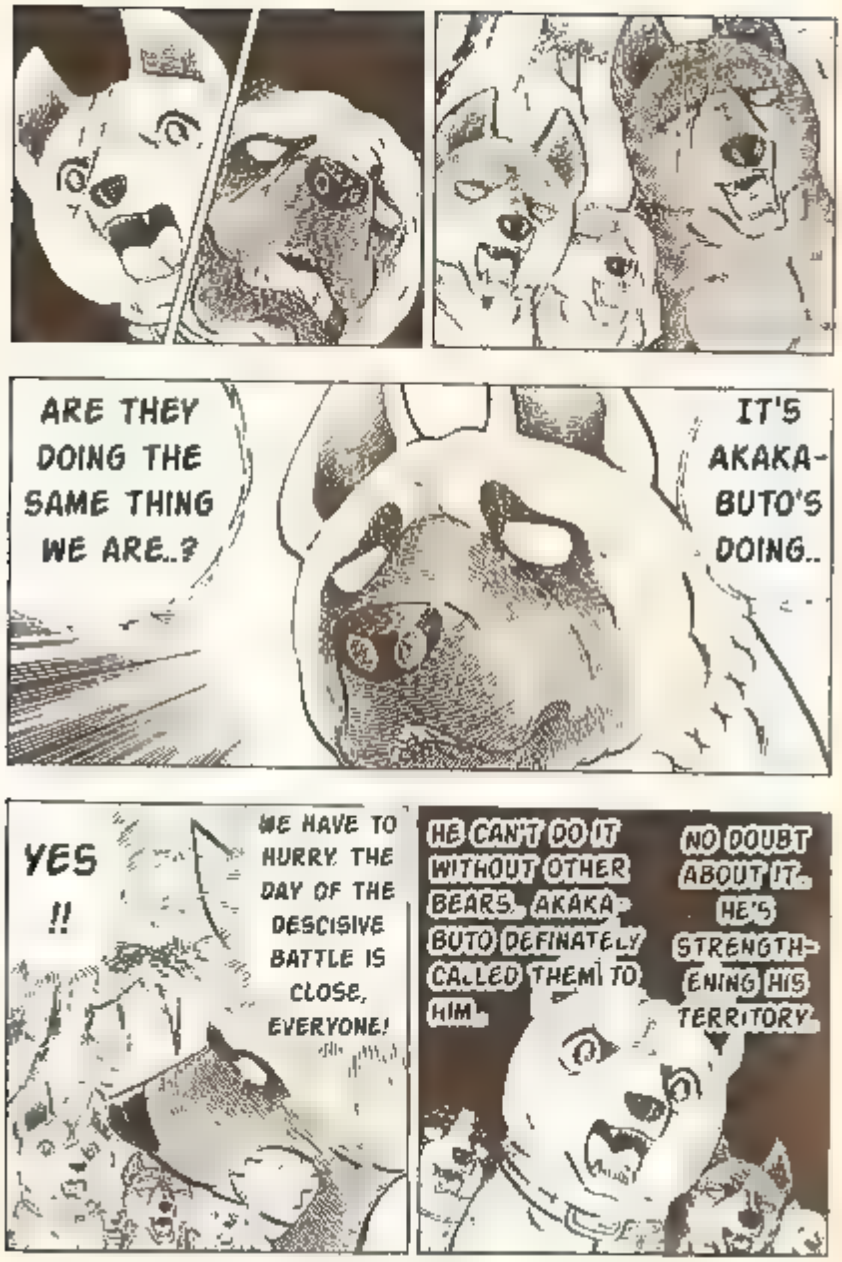
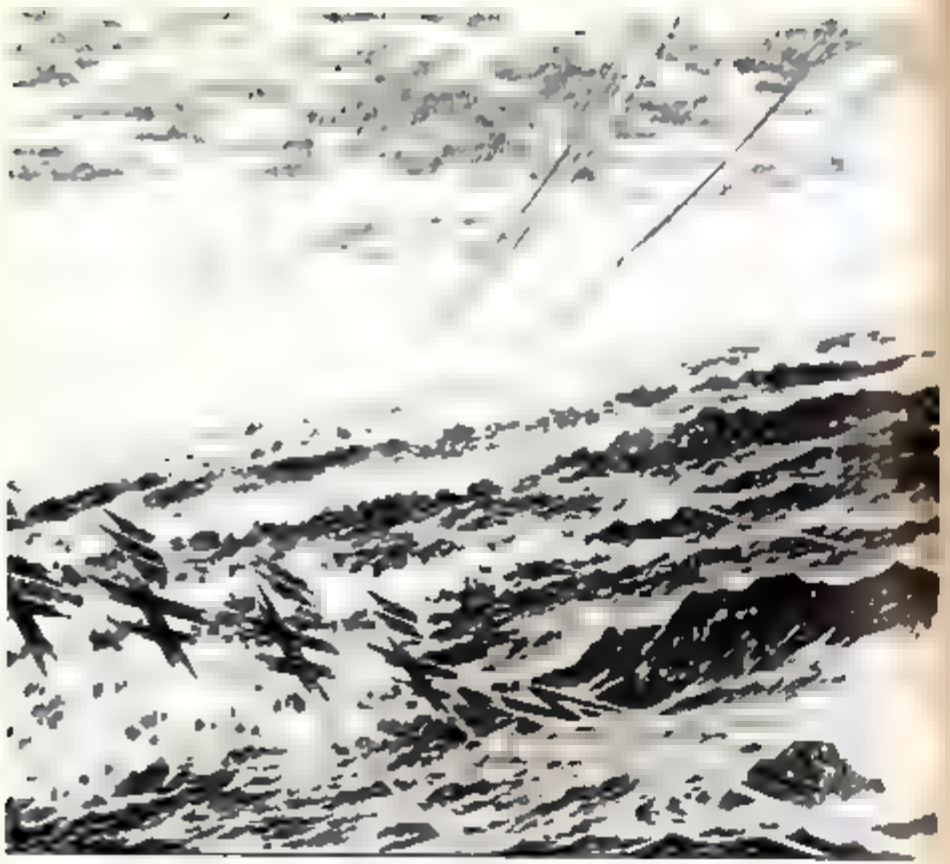
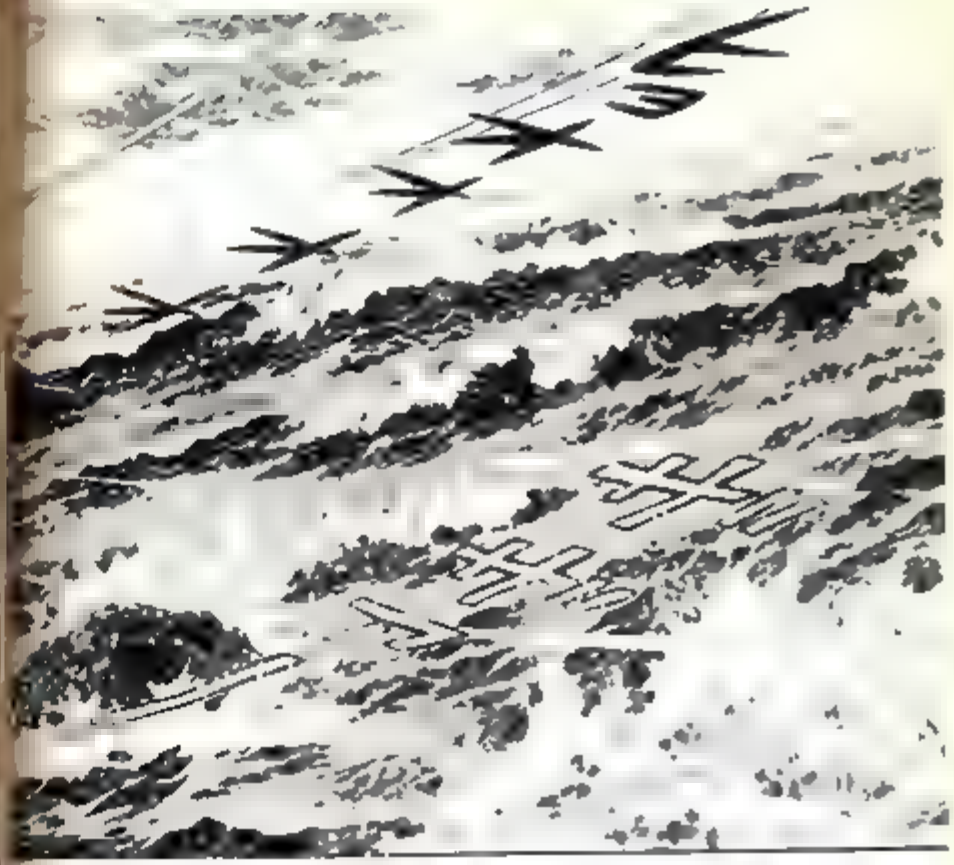
I'M ROKUSUKE, A MESSENGER FROM LEADER RIKI'S TROOPS IN OHU..
I.. I'M SORRY, I..
I CAN'T LET YOU GO THROUGH HERE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THIS IS OUR TERRITORY.
AAH..?! IS THAT YOU, CROSS?! HUH.. BEN..?!
WHAT?! RIKI'S..?!


ARE THEY DOING THE SAME THING WE ARE..?
IT'S AKAKA-BUTO'S DOING..
YES !!
WE HAVE TO HURRY. THE DAY OF THE DESCISIVE BATTLE IS CLOSE, EVERYONE!
HE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT OTHER BEARS. AKAKA-BUTO DEFINATELY CALLED THEM TO HIM.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. HE'S STRENGTH-ENING HIS TERRITORY.

THEY WERE HEADDING STRAIGHT FOR THE MIDDLE OF THE OHU MOUNTAINS..!
A FEW DAYS AGO, SEVEN POWERFUL CHESTNUT-COLORED BEARS WERE SEEN TRAVELLING INTO THE PREFECTURAL BORDER..
WHAT ..?!



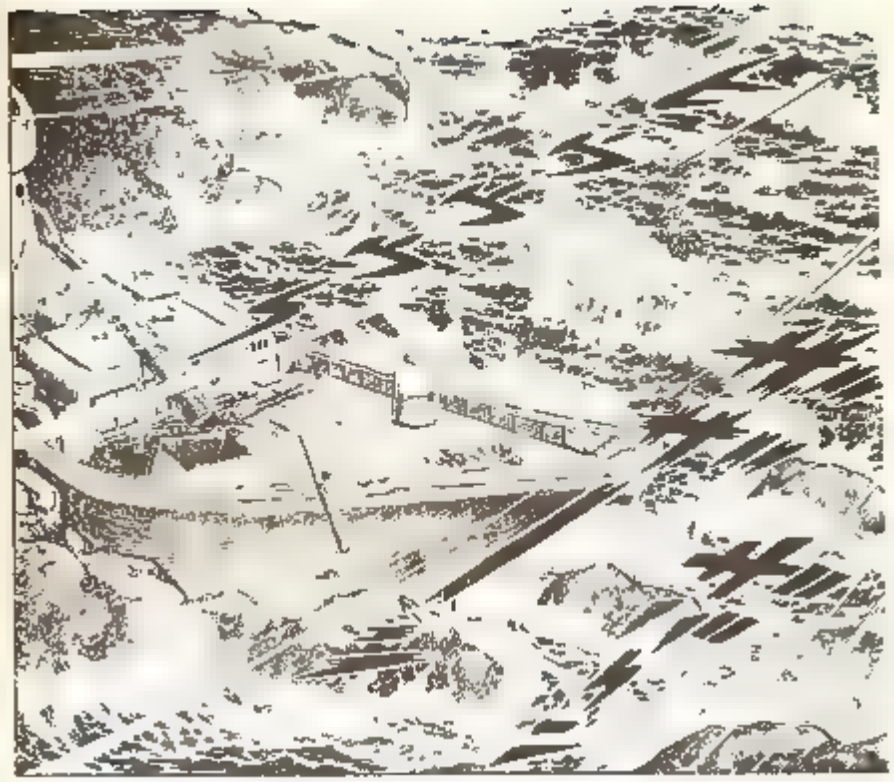
THE OCEAN
THIS IS NOT A POND! IT'S CALLED THE OCEAN.
I SEE HIN, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU SEE THE OCEAN?



THERE'S NOTHING HERE BEYOND THIS POND?
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS BIG POND?

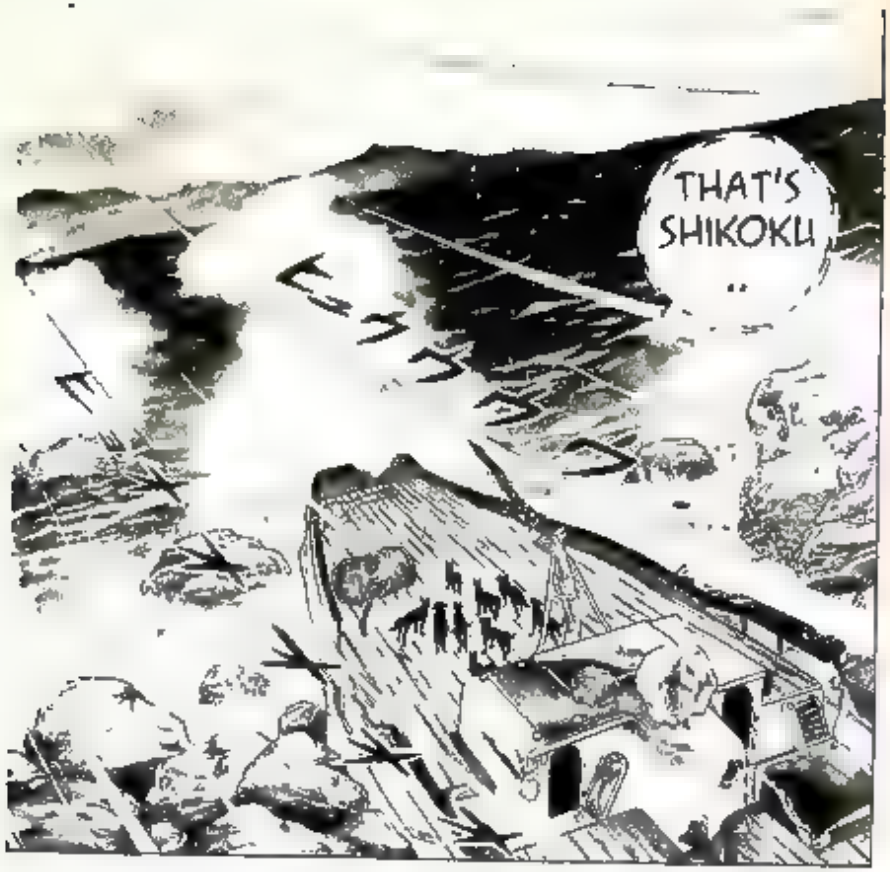
LAND! I CAN SEE THE SHORE!
AAH !

THE STRONGEST DOGS OF ALL LIVE IN THAT PLACE.
GIN.. THAT ISLAND IS CALLED SHIKOKU.



WATCH ME GET UP THERE!
YOU LOT HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH TO DO WITH HUMANS, HAVE YOU?

AT LEAST IT'S A GOOD PLACE FOR US TO REST INSIDE.
A SHIP.. ?
HUMANS SURE DO MAKE SOME UGLY THINGS.


THAT'S SHIKOKU..

YES.. BUT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ALL OF US TO CROSS THAT SEA..
WILSON, THAT ISLAND IS WHERE THE STRONGEST DOGS LIVE, RIGHT?

CHAPTER 2: GOING FOR MUSASHI!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE!

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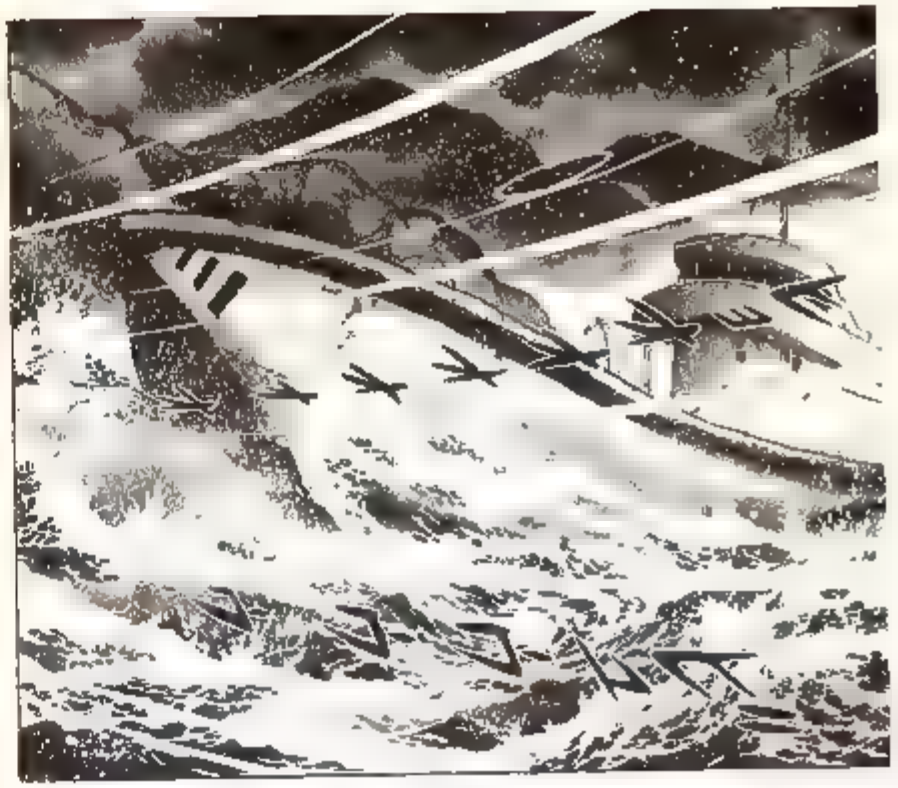
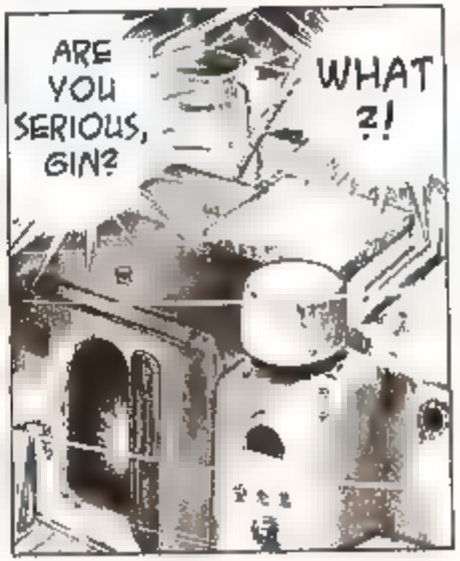
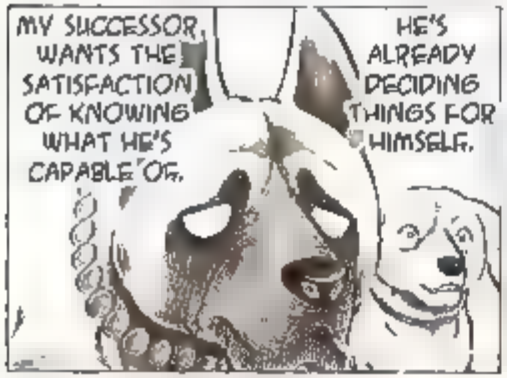
IMPOSSIBLE.? DON'T GO AUTOMATI-CALLY DECIDING THAT!



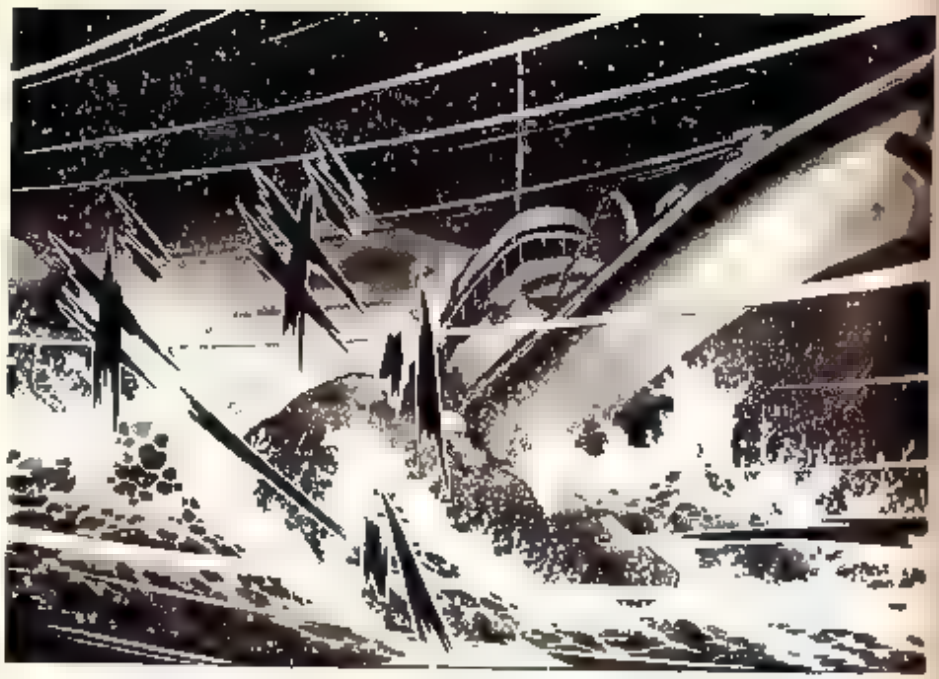
I CAN GO TO-NIGHT.
OF COURSE I AM..

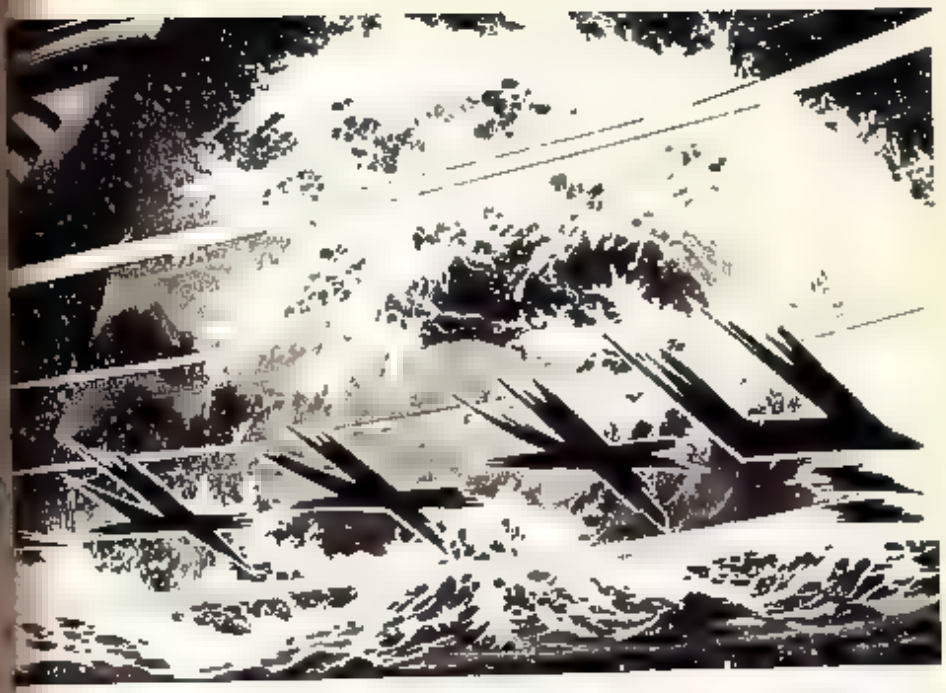

ARE YOU SERIOUS, GIN?
WHAT?!


MY SUCCESSOR WANTS THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.
HE'S ALREADY DECIDING THINGS FOR HIMSELF.

I'LL CROSS IT ALONE. I WANT TO FIND OUT IF IT'S SAFE OR NOT.
I WANT TO SEE IF I CAN DO IT.

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG...
YOU CAN'T GO ALONE, GIN..

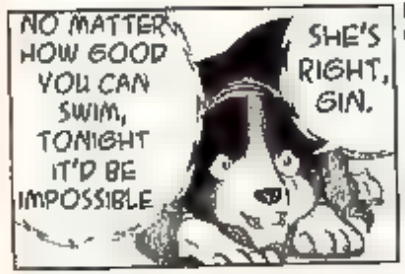




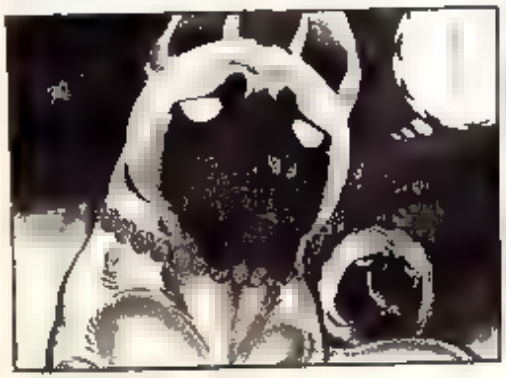
ALRIGHT, I CAN GO TOO!
ME TOO, GIN!

YOU GUYS..

LET IT GO THESE GUYS CAN'T STOP YOU, HAHA. I'LL GO WITH YOU.
HAHA.. YOU CAN'T TELL HIM WHAT HE CAN'T DO.


NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU CAN SWIM, TONIGHT IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE
SHE'S RIGHT, GIN.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD MAKE IT.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU WANT, IN THIS STORM TONIGHT.



YES!!
ALRIGHT, IT'S DECIDER LET'S GO, EVERYONE!
WAIT ..!!
BEN..

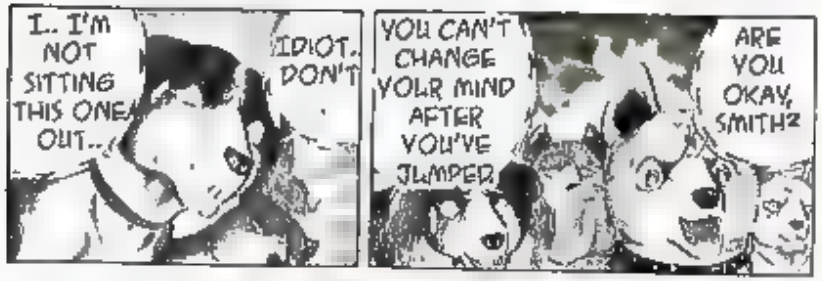
I'M THE ONE WHO GIVES THE ORDERS, GIN..
I'M THE LEADER ..
PLEASE, LEADER! LET ME GO..
LOOK AT THE LINE BETWEEN DREAM AND REALITY, ALL OF YOU!
I CAN'T !!

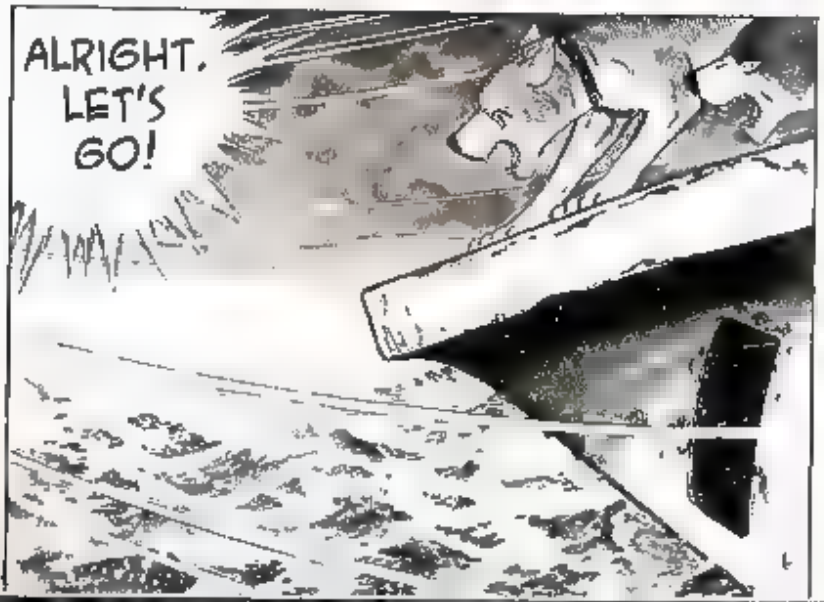
YOU'D DROWN BEFORE MY EYES!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO REACH THE BEACH IN THIS STORM IS TONIGHT?!
DON'T THINK SO FAST ABOUT DOING SOMETHING FUTILE!
TOMORROW IS COMING FAST. WE'LL BE LEAVING.

WE CAN'T LET BEN HEAR US!
STEP QUIET LY!
PLEASE, DON'T WORRY..
BEN.. MOSS WILL LOOK AFTER YOU.
I'LL MAKE YOURS THE STRONGEST PLATOON, WITHOUT FAIL!
BEN, BE SAFE..

YES..
HEY.. LET'S GO.

HAVE A BITE AT THE WAVES..
DON'T BE SCARED
DON'T BE SILLY.. THOSE WAVES ARE NOTHING.

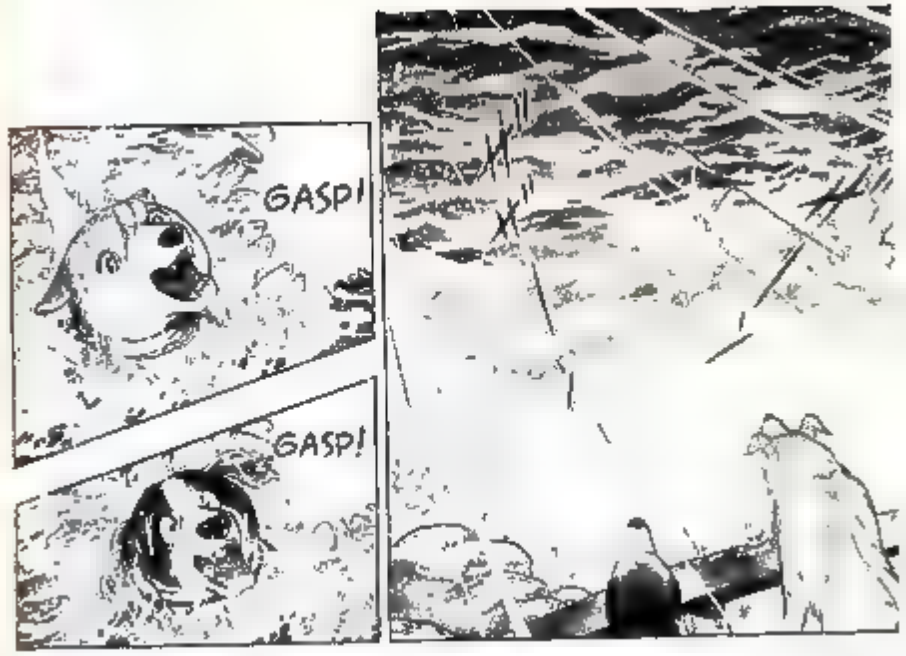

I.. I'M NOT SITTING THIS ONE OUT..
IDIOT. DON'T
YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND AFTER YOU'VE JUMPED
ARE YOU OKAY, SMITH?


ALRIGHT. LET'S GO!

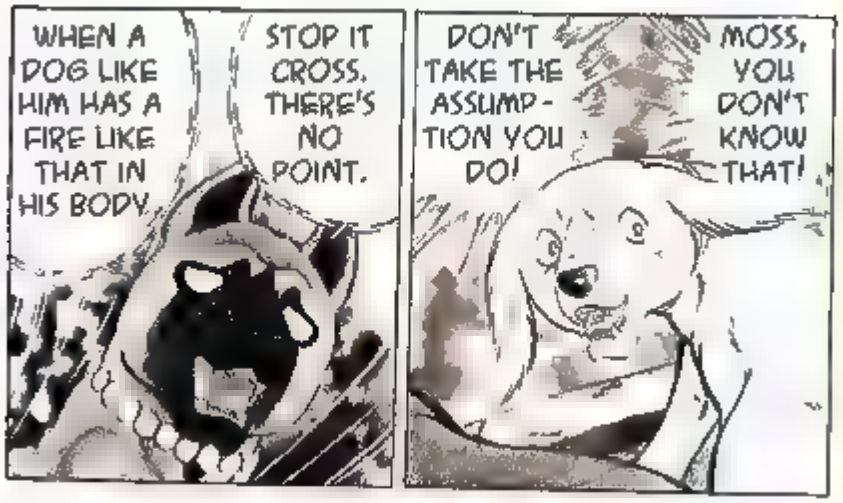
THOSE WHO CAN'T SWIM, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. GO BACK, NOW!
EVERYONE, DON'T BE CARELESS!
I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO BECOME A BURDEN!

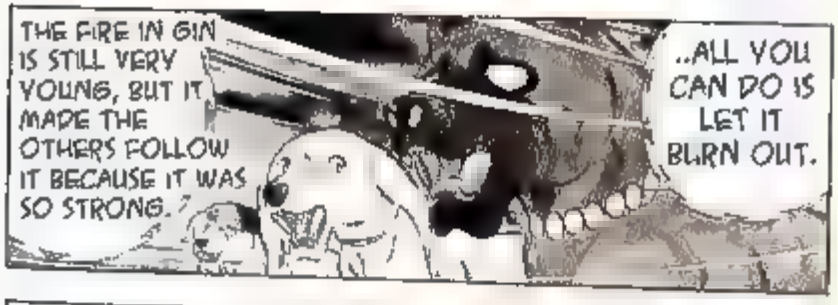
WHAM!
HAAH!

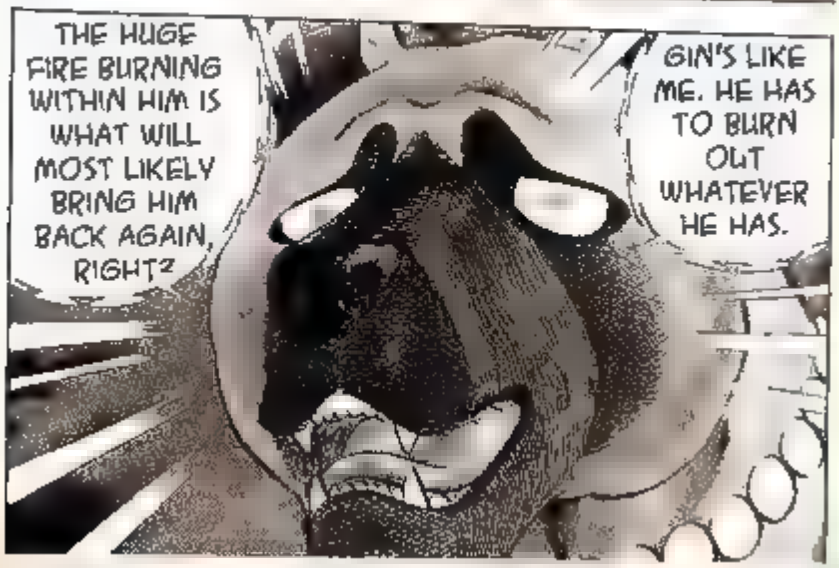
WAAH!

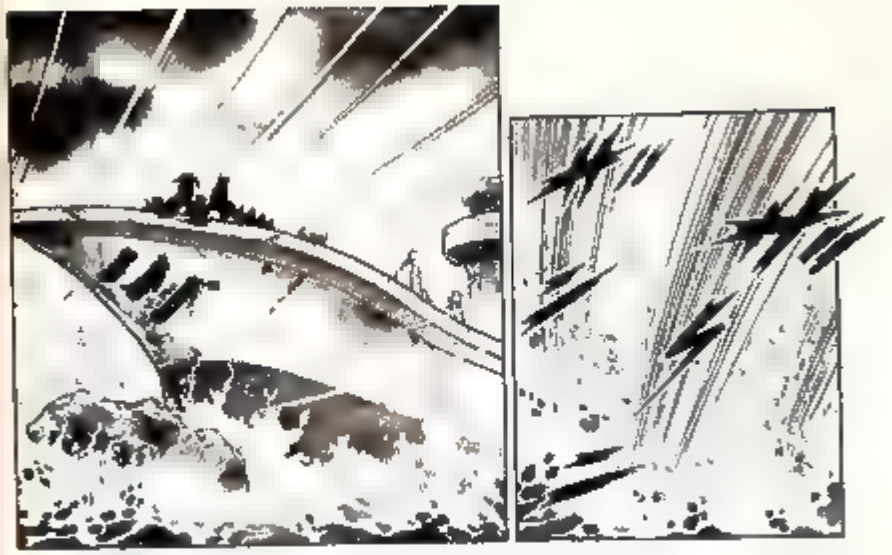

GASP!
GASP!

YES!!
RIGHT! AFTER GIN AND SMITH!!

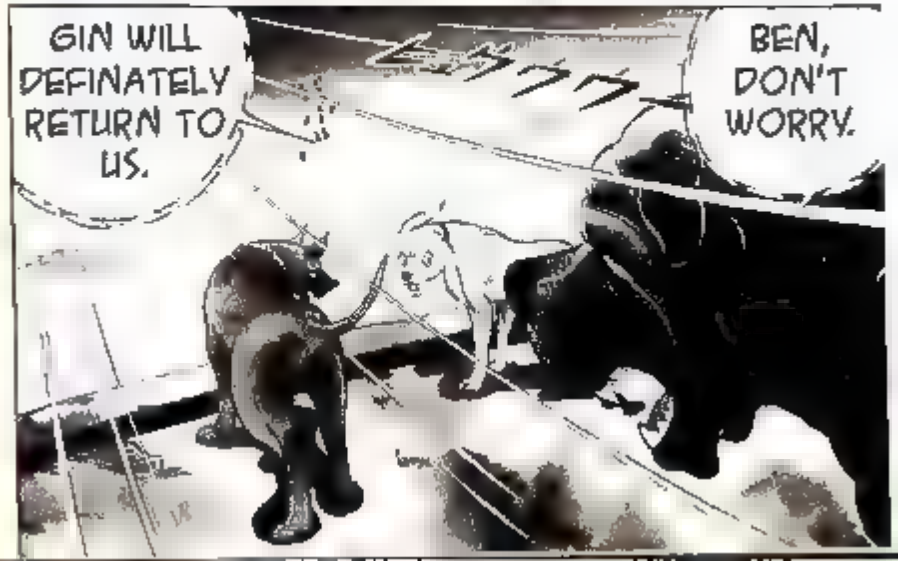

WHEN A DOG LIKE HIM HAS A FIRE LIKE THAT IN HIS BODY
STOP IT CROSS. THERE'S NO POINT.
DON'T TAKE THE ASSUMP-TION YOU DO!
MOSS, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!

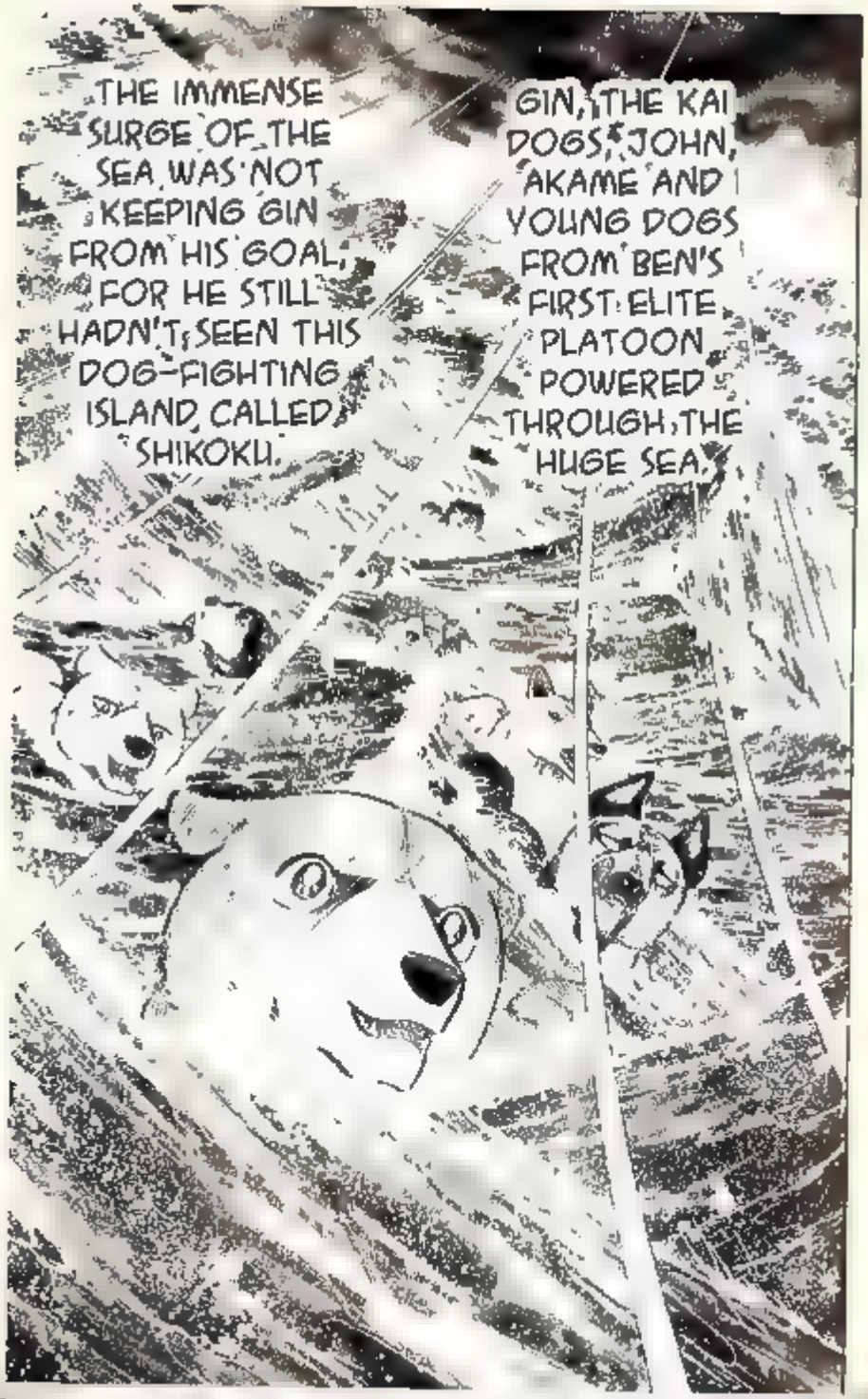

THE FIRE IN GIN IS STILL VERY YOUNG, BUT IT MADE THE OTHERS FOLLOW IT BECAUSE IT WAS SO STRONG.
..ALL YOU CAN DO IS LET IT BURN OUT.


THE HUGE FIRE BURNING WITHIN HIM IS WHAT WILL MOST LIKELY BRING HIM BACK AGAIN, RIGHT?
GIN'S LIKE ME. HE HAS TO BURN OUT WHATEVER HE HAS.

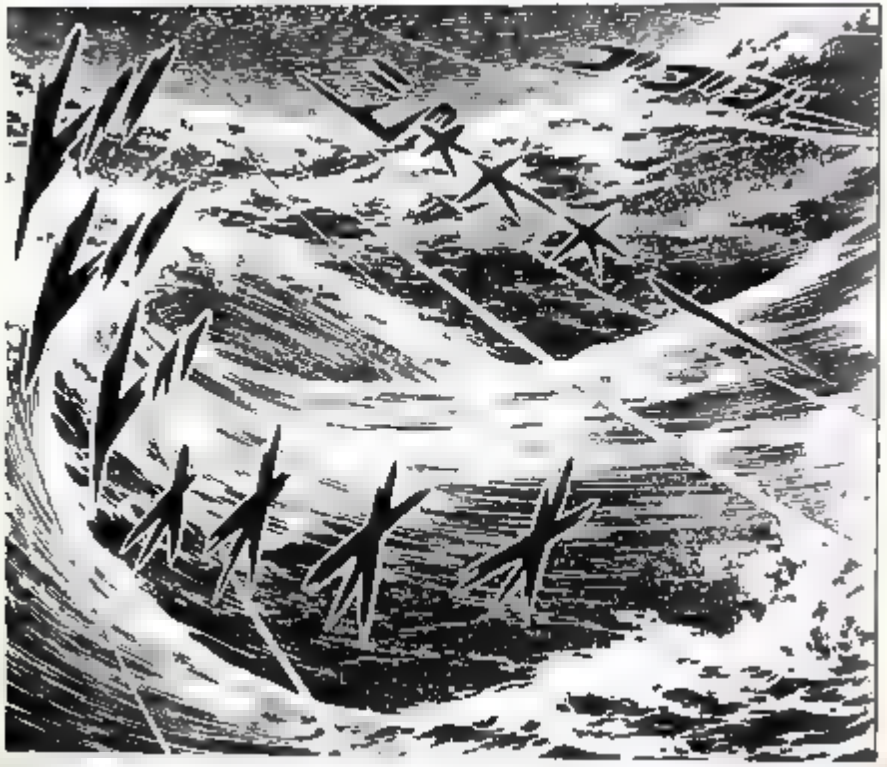


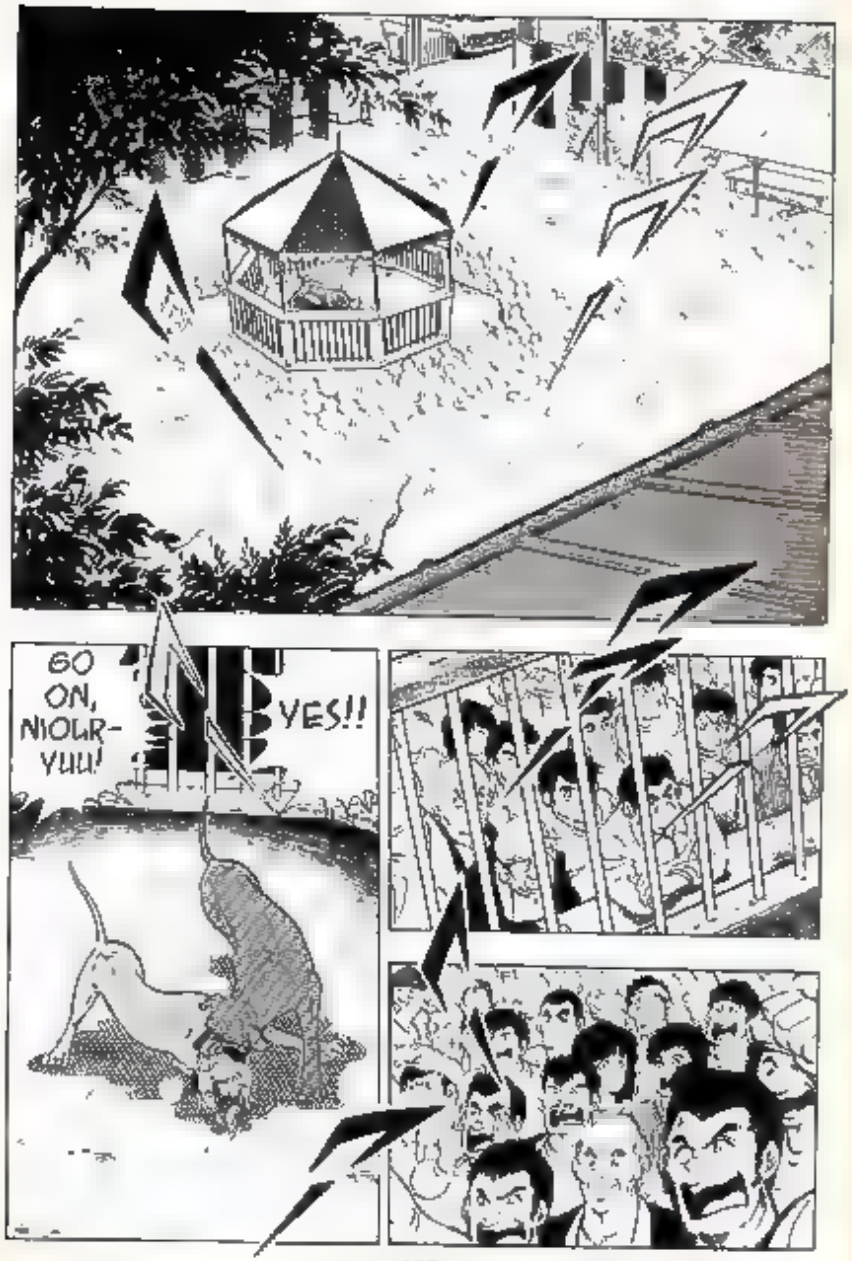
GIN.. YOU'RE ABSURD..
WOAH ..


GIN WILL DEFINATELY RETURN TO US.
BEN, DON'T WORRY.


THE IMMENSE SURGE OF THE SEA WAS NOT KEEPING GIN FROM HIS GOAL, FOR HE STILL HADN'T SEEN THIS DOG-FIGHTING ISLAND CALLED SHIKOKU.
GIN, THE KAI DOGS, JOHN, AKAME AND YOUNG DOGS FROM BEN'S FIRST ELITE PLATOON POWERED THROUGH THE HUGE SEA.

BURN OUT THE FIRE AND RETURN TO ME AGAIN, EVERYONE!





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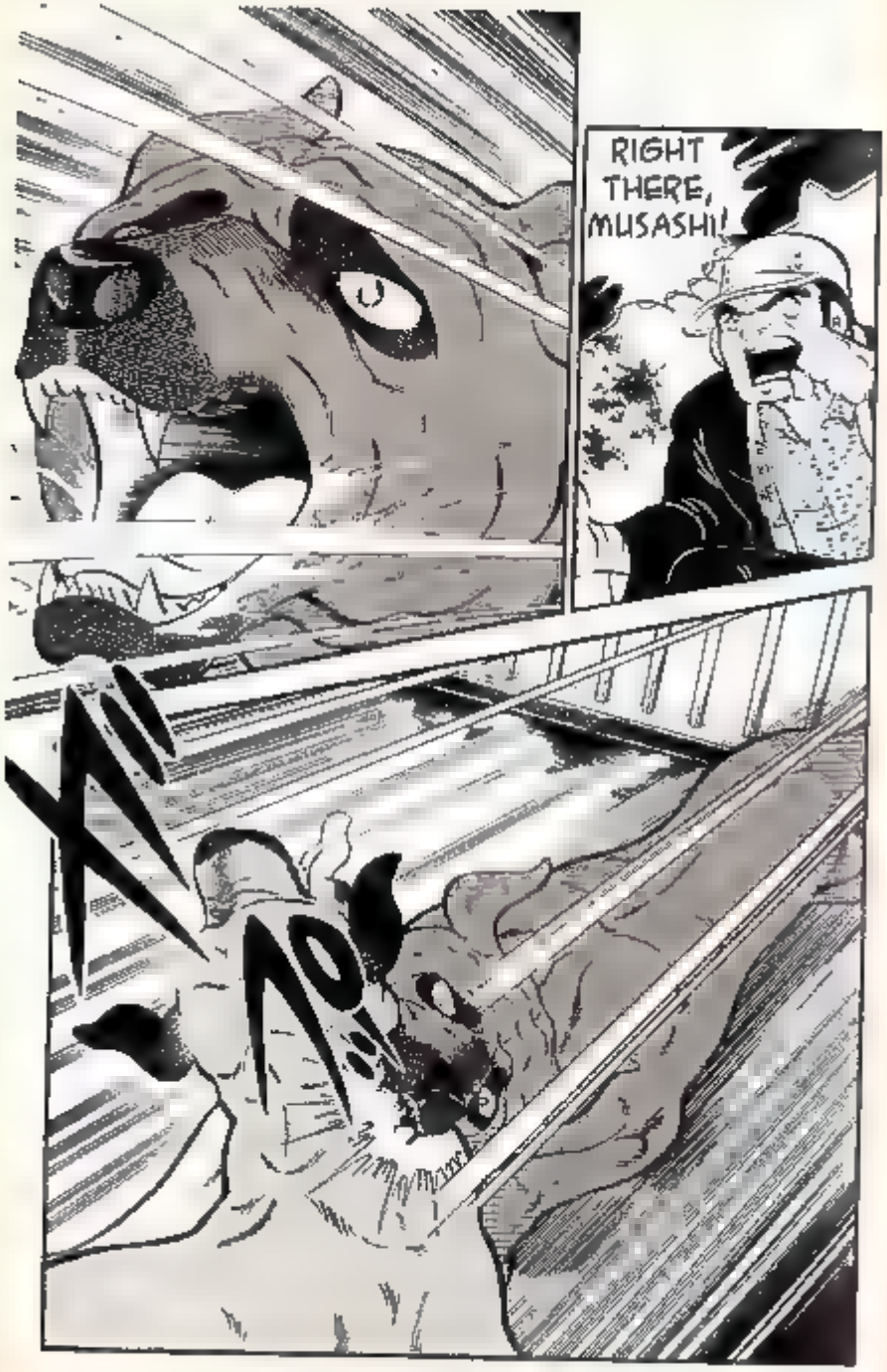
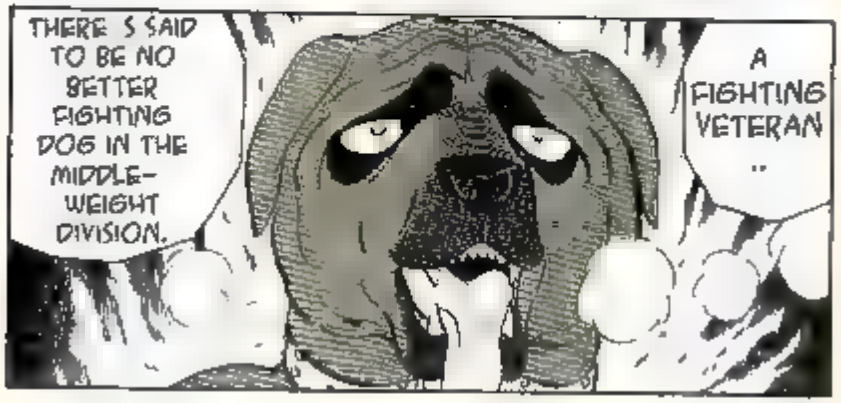
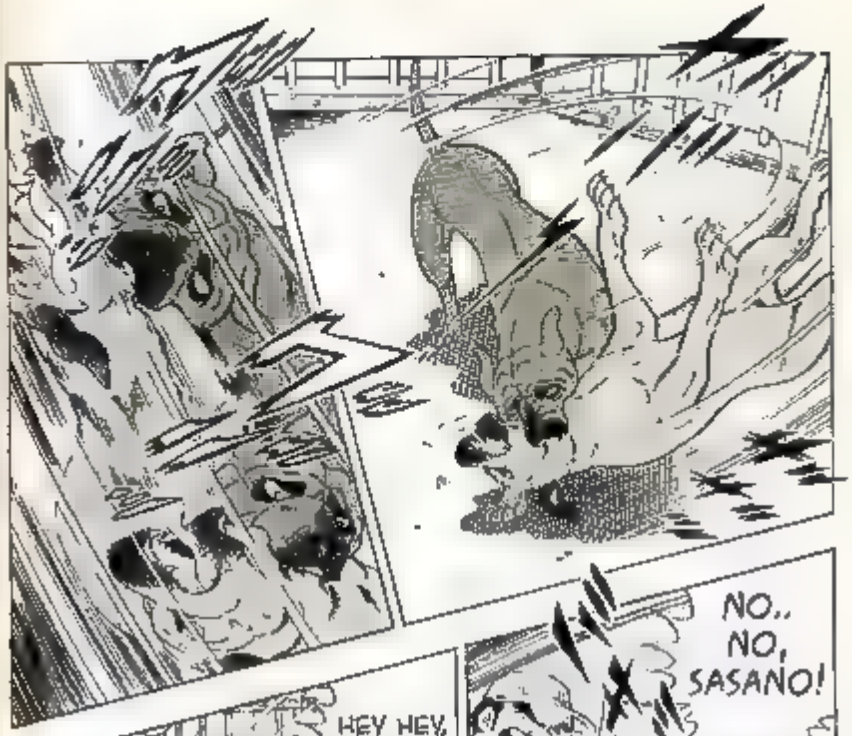

RIGHT THERE, MUSASHI!

STANDING AT AROUND 64CM AND WEIGHING 41KG..
MUSASHI, THE TOSA KEN.. JAPAN'S MIDDLE-WEIGHT FIGHTING CHAMPION.


THERE S SAID TO BE NO BETTER FIGHTING DOG IN THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT DIVISION.
A FIGHTING VETERAN ..



HEY, HOLD THE FIRE!
HEY HEY, MUSASHI! LET GO!
YOU'VE WON! LET GO OF HIM!

NO.. NO, SASANO!

DON'T FOOL AROUND! AT THIS RATE, HE'LL KILL HIM!
WE LOST ..

HEY, SHUT UP!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE DOGS ALL OF A SUDDEN,2!
GRR!
ARF!
GRR!
ARF!
GRR
RRGH!
GRR

NIOURYUU REALLY WAS YOUR RIVAL, WASN'T HE2
MUSA -SHI..
WHAT'S GOING ON2
THEY'RE ALL REALLY FIRED UP.
WHAT'RE YOU EXCITED ABOUT2
WHAT'S WRONG, MUSASHI 2
!!
GRR
GRR

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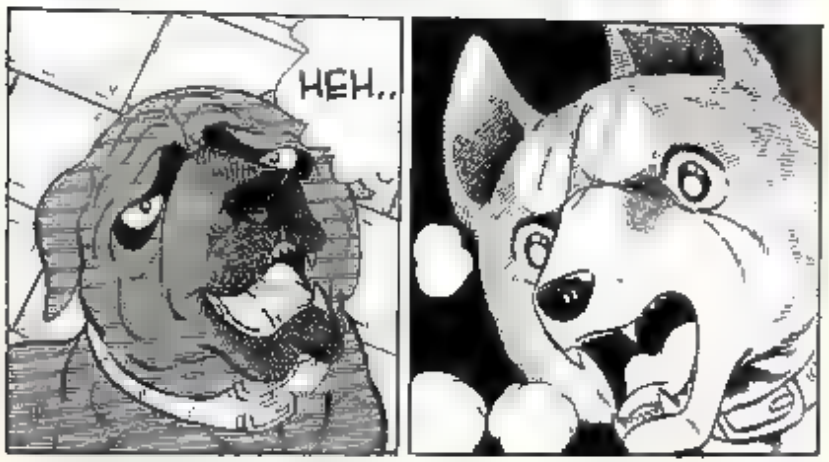
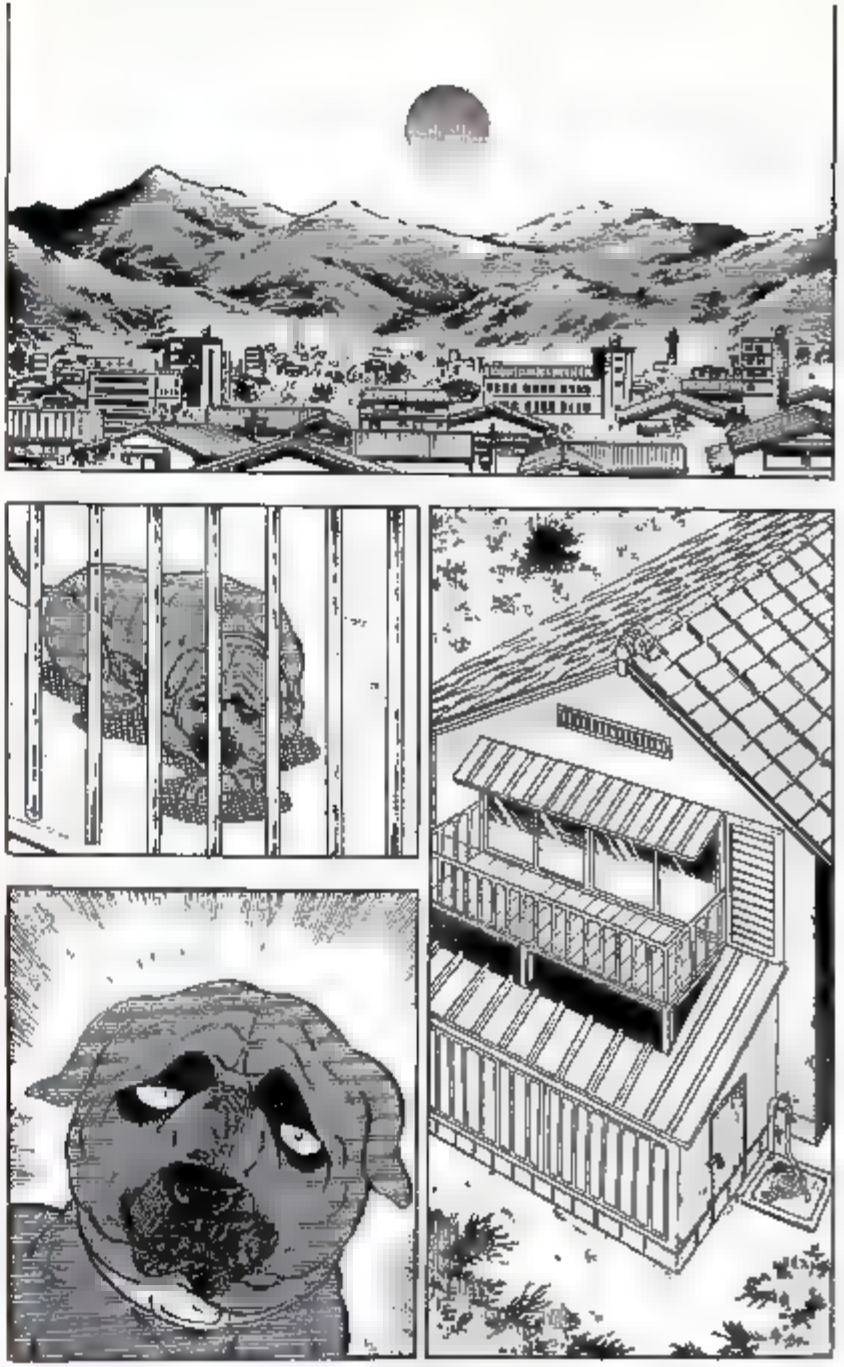

HEH..

WH..
WHAT THE
HELL?

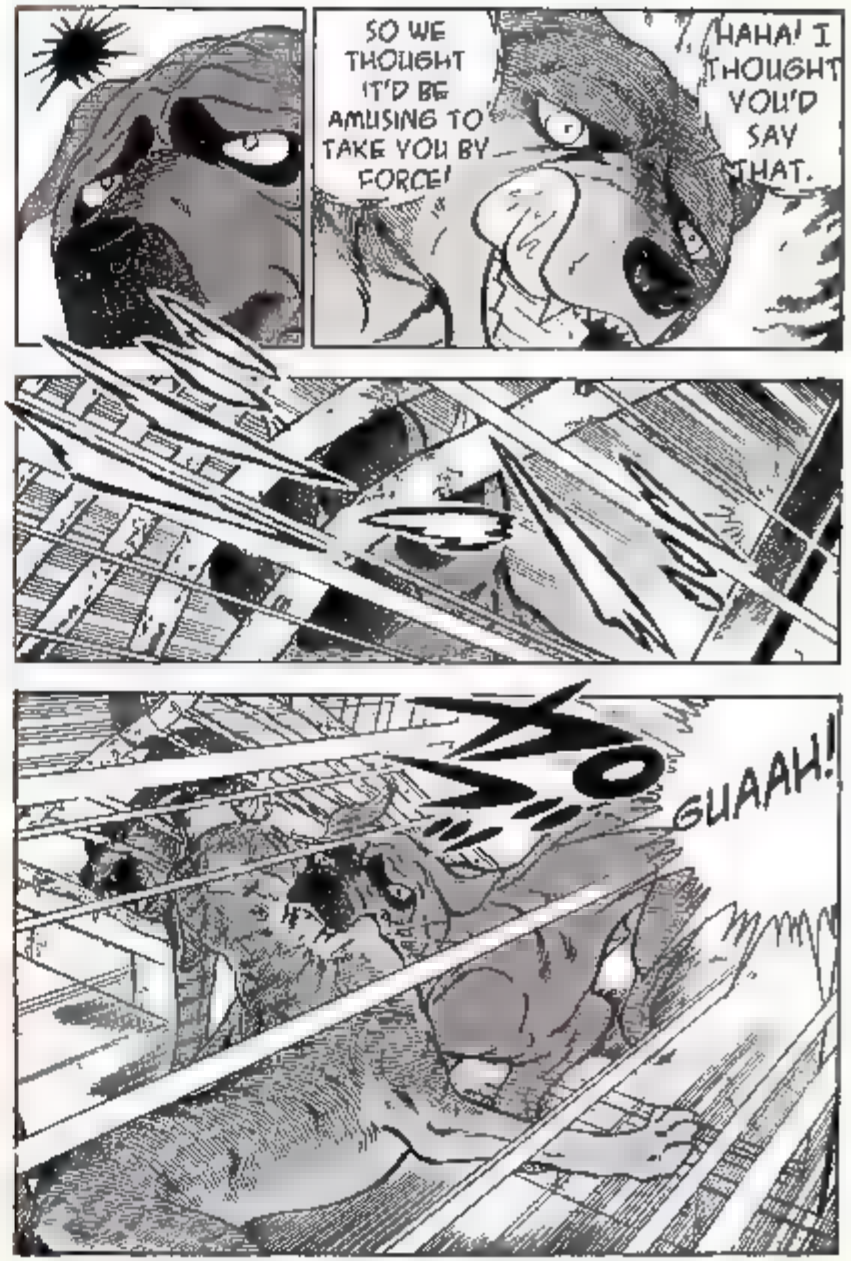
ARE THEY STRAYS?
WHAT'RE THOSE DOGS DOING?!
ALL THAT UPROAR FROM THE TOSA DOGS WAS OVER A BUNCH OF MEER STRAYS?
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALL SO ENRAGED..

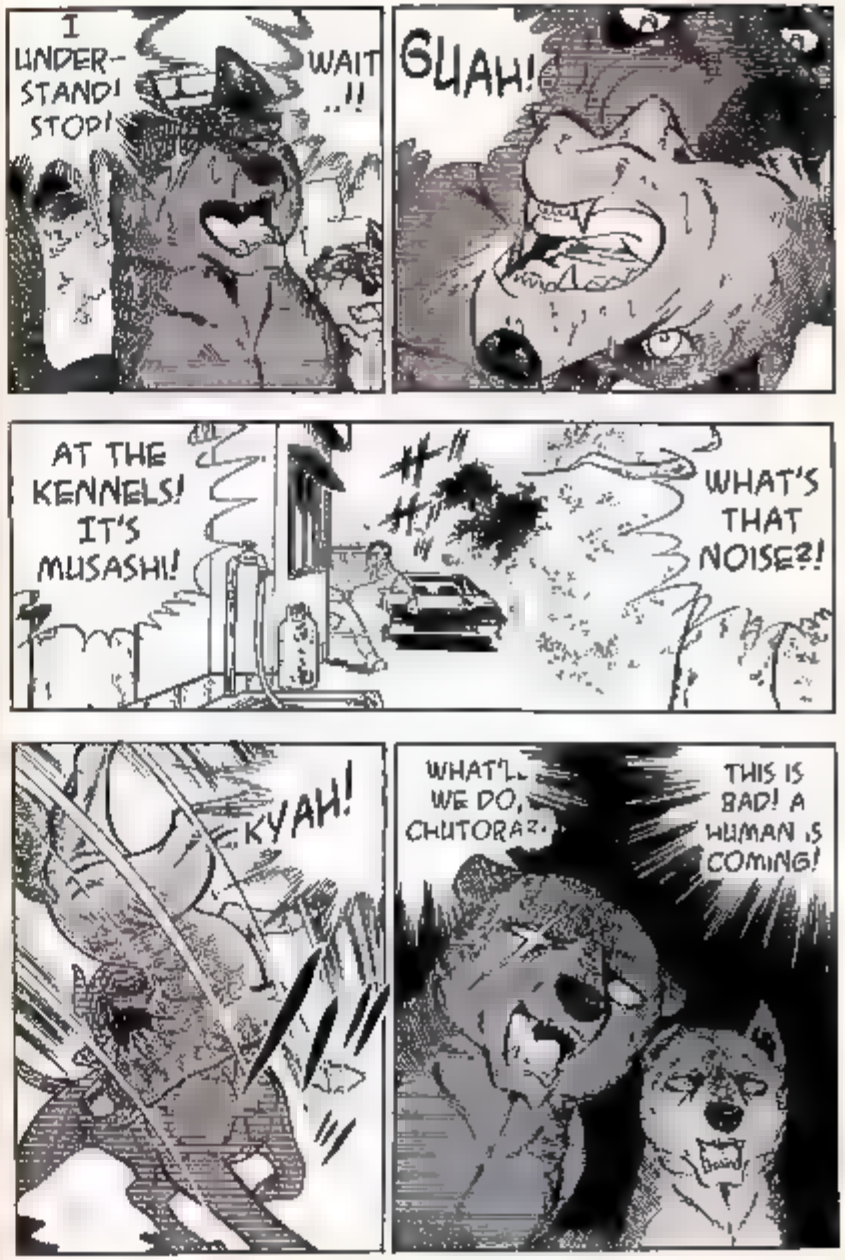
YES..
THE STRONGEST TOSA DOG YOU TOLD ME ABOUT? MUSASHI.?
WILSON, IS HE..



THERE'S NO USE HIDING. COME OUT!
WHO'S THERE?
HEH. I REFUSE.
YOU'RE THE MUTTS FROM TODAY..
PLEASE GIVE US YOUR TIME. IT WON'T TAKE LONG.
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU.

THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME BACK?
HEY! GONNA CAUSE A STIR?
YOU BASTARD ..!!
YAAH!
DON'T TAKE THIS LIGHTLY!
STOP!
IF YOU DO, I'LL BREAK HIS NECK!
DON'T MOVE!


SO WE THOUGHT IT'D BE AMUSING TO TAKE YOU BY FORCE!
HAHA! I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.
GUAAH!


I UNDER-STAND! STOP!
WAIT ..!!
GUAH!
AT THE KENNELS! IT'S MUSASHI!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?!
KYAH!
WHAT'LL WE DO, CHUTORAZ.
THIS IS BAD! A HUMAN IS COMING!

IF YOU PUT YOUR LIVES AT RISK BY CHALLENGING ME, YOU'D BETTER BE DAMN READY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING, BUT..
PANT
PANT
DAMN ..!
GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE!
YOU CAME WITH SUCH SPIRIT, THAT I'LL LET THIS SLIDE THIS TIME.

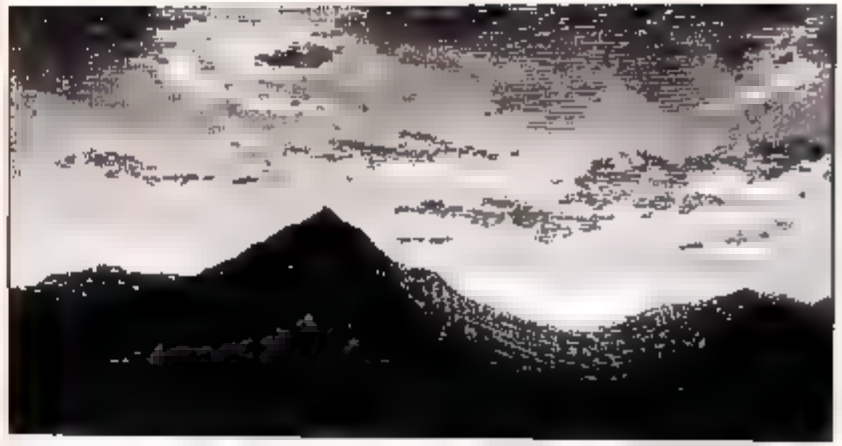
THEY COULD HAVE.. THE KAI BROTHERS ARE A RECKLESS BREED.
YOU DON'T THINK THEY TRIED TO CHALLENGE MUSASHI WITH POWER, DO YOU?

HEY, WILSON.. DON'T GO SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT..
WHAT?!

THEY COULD BE HURT!
THIS IS BAD. THEY'RE CHILDISH LIKE THAT

NOR HUNTING DOG NOR STRAY IS A MATCH FOR HIM. IF THEY DID FIGHT, WE COULD'VE LOST LIVES.
HE'S A PROFESSIONAL FIGHTER.

IS HE REALLY GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A THREAT?



NIGHT IS TURNING TO DAWN..
THE KAIS ARE LATE..

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY..
WE HAVE TO GO! THIS IS WORRYING.

SIR!
OY! THEY'RE MOVING. REPORT IT TO THE BOSS!
HEH.. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. IT'S THEM.

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD TAKE OVER SHIKOKU? YOU THOUGHT WRONG, BADLY.
THERE CAN'T BE MORE THAN 12 OR 13 OF THEM..

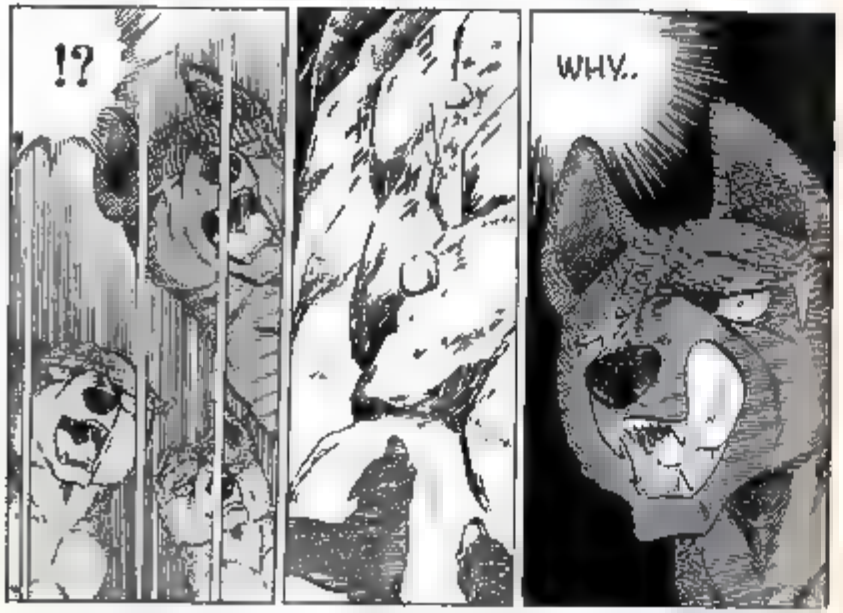
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL BE GOING BACK EMPTY-HANDED.
WHAT'LL WE DO, BROTHER?

EVERYONE'LL BE WORRYING ABOUT US. WE SHOULD GO BACK, EVEN IF OUR EFFORTS WERE SHAMEFUL.
SHIT.. IT'S GETTING LIGHT.

NEVER IN MY LIFE HAVE I TASTED SUCH HUMILIA-TION..

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THAT STRONG..
WILSON WAS TALKING ABOUT THEIR STRENGTH.

WHY DID HE SPARE US?
BUT WHY DID HE..


!?
WHY..

WE'VE NEVER TURNED OUR BACKS ON THE ENEMY BEFORE!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, BROTHER 2
WE CAN'T COPE WITH THEM ALONE. WE MUST GET BACK TO THE PACK!
I CAN SENSE THEIR TERRIBLE RAGE
RUN! AS FAST AS YOU CAN!!
THIS TIME IT'S DIF-FERENT!

GET OUT OF SIGHT!
BROTHER, WHY'RE WE HIDING?
QUIET, KURO-TORA!
THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!
WE'RE BEING FOLLOW ED..

AAH, LOOK UP THERE! THERE THEY ARE!
SO MANY OF THEM..!
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY?!

DON'T LET A SINGLE ONE GET AWAY!
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!
I'M NOT LEAVING, AKA-TORA!
JEEZ.. TO HELL WITH RUNNING! I DON'T WORK THAT WAY!

LOOK AT THEIR NUMBERS!
DON'T BE A FOOL, KURO-TORA!
JUST WATCH!
YOU'LL REGRET TURNING YOUR FANGS AGAINST ME!
THEIR NUMBERS DON'T MEAN SHIT!
SO WHAT?!
GRR!
RRGH!

!!
WE HAVE TO SCATTER!
KURO-TORA, CHUTORA, SPLIT UP!

WE CAN'T ALL FAIL HERE!
STAY ALIVE AND REPORT THIS BACK TO GIN!

GRR!

RRGH!
KURO-TORA!!

STUBBORN BASTARDS
SHIT... NO MATTER WHERE I GO, THEY'LL FIND ME.

!?

I CAN SMELL BLOOD OVER HERE!
HEY, OVER HERE!

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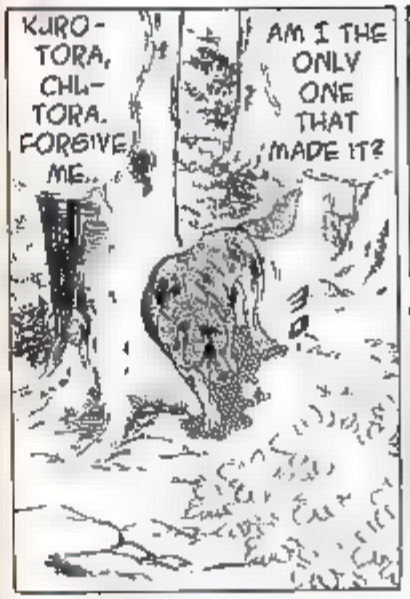

KURO-TORA, CHI-TORA. FORGIVE ME..
AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT MADE IT?

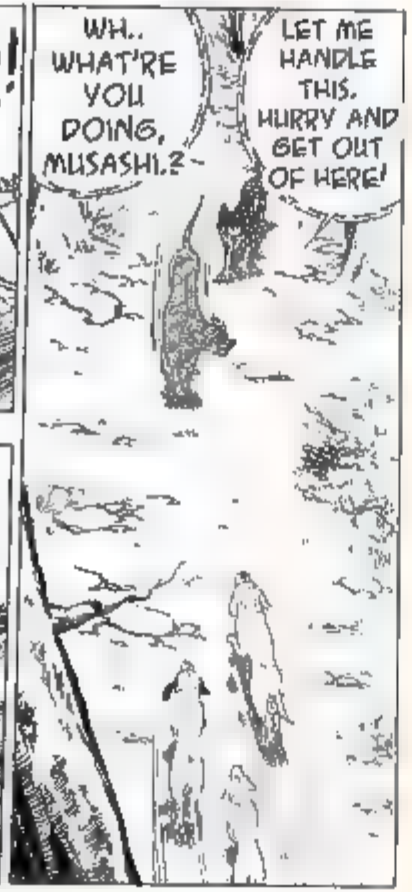
PANT
PANT

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

MUSASHI ..!!
AHH!! YOU'RE ..

SEIZE HIM!!
THERE HE IS!

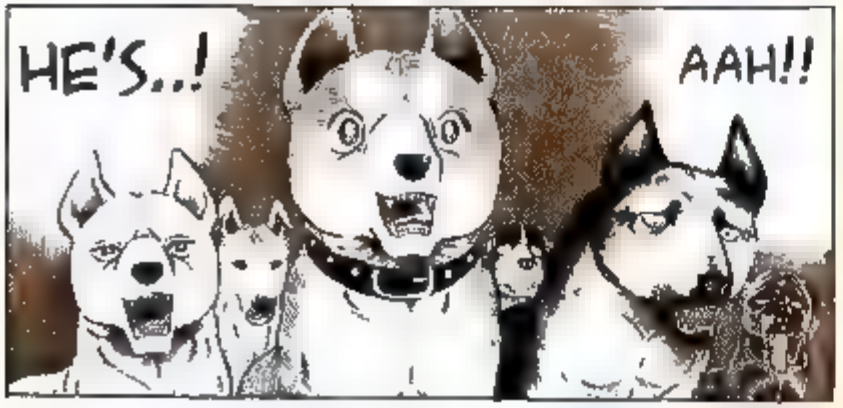
GRR!

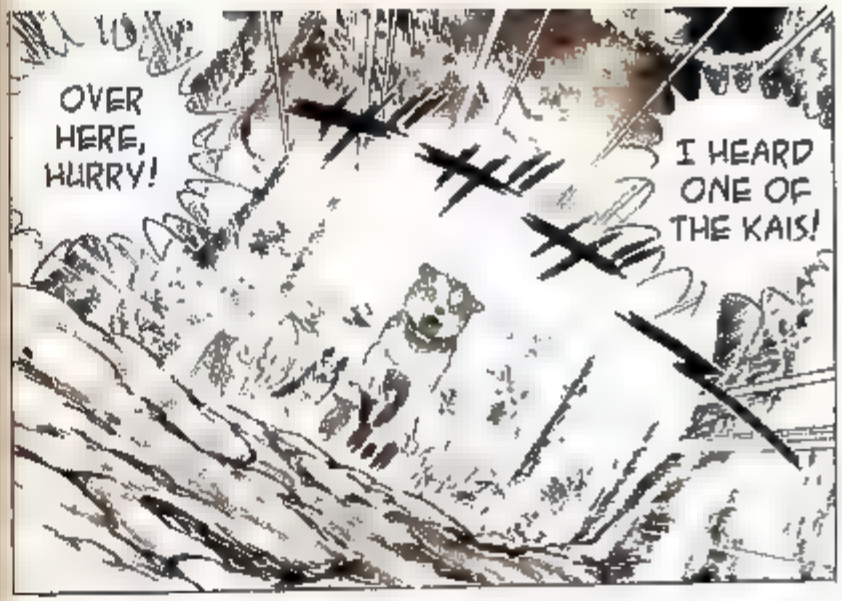

WH.. WHAT'RE YOU DOING, MUSASHI.?
LET ME HANDLE THIS. HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!

I DO THIS SHIT FOR ENTERTAIN-MENT ALL YEAR ROUND!
I'M A TOSA DOG.

GUAH!
YELP!

YIPE!
MOST WOULD THINK THAT TRYING TO FIGHT A BEAR IS TOTAL MADNESS, BUT I'M DIFFER - ENT!
I'VE HEARD RUMOURS OF YOUR PACK'S MISSION.
WOAH ..


HE'S..!
AAH!!


OVER HERE, HURRY!
I HEARD ONE OF THE KAIS!

WAIT, SOME-ONE'S COMING!

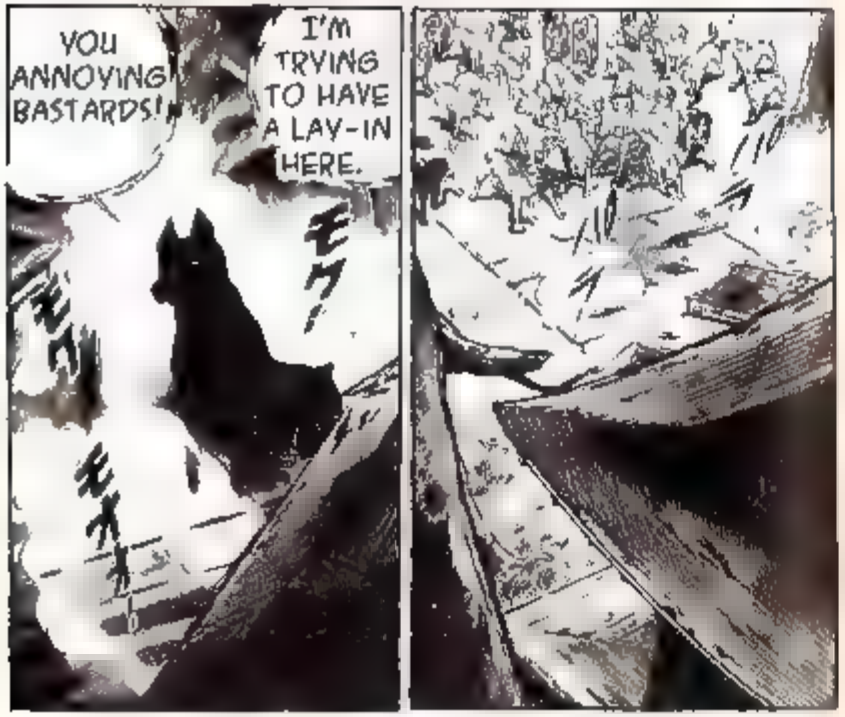
MUSA
-SHI
!!
AKATORA
?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHI-TORA AND KUROTORA?
IS THIS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE TRIED REA-SONING.?
KAI, HANG IN THERE!
UAH ...
GAH ..
THIS IS HORRIBLE.. HE CAN'T EVEN SPEAK NOW!
COULD HE HAVE..

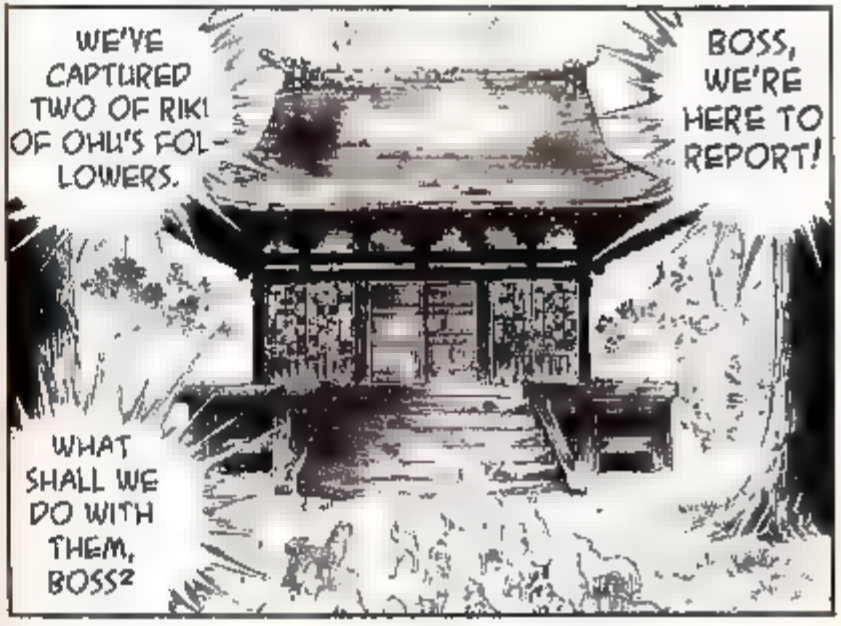
UAH!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, TRYING TO CLAIM SHIKOKU!! GO HOME!
CAN'T YOU LOT DISTIN-GUISH BETWEEN AN ENEMY AND A FRIEND?!
WHAT ?!

THAT'S SHAMEFUL, MUSASHI!!
IS THIS WHAT A TOSA DOG CAN DO?!

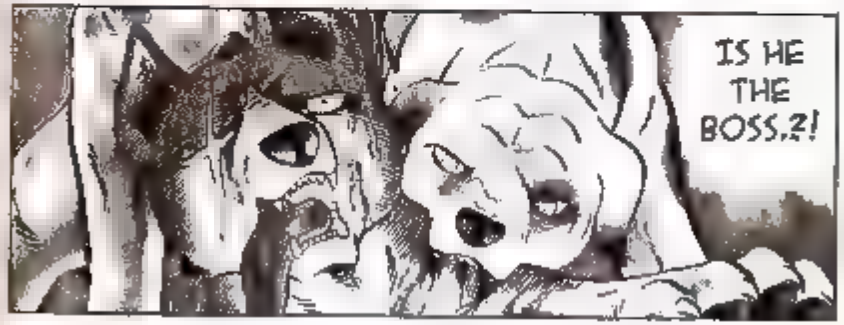
SHUT THE HELL UP!!


YOU ANNOYING BASTARDS!
I'M TRYING TO HAVE A LAY-IN HERE.
EH?
EH?
EH?

IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL US, GET ON WITH IT!
DAMN IT!!


WE'VE CAPTURED TWO OF RIKI OF OHU'S FOLLOWERS.
BOSS, WE'RE HERE TO REPORT!
WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THEM, BOSS?

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST KILL THEM WHERE YOU FOUND THEM?!
WHO'D YOU BRING HERE?
BILL THE VAGABOND.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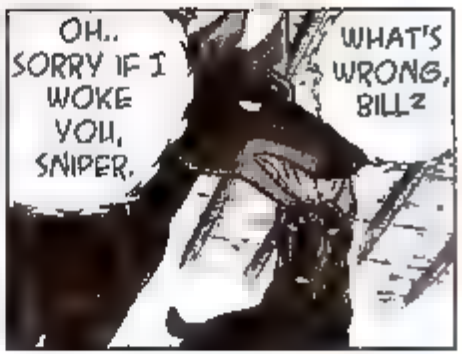
DO MY BLACK EYES DECIEVE ME..


OH.. SORRY IF I WOKE YOU, SNIPER.
WHAT'S WRONG, BILL?

HE HEH ..

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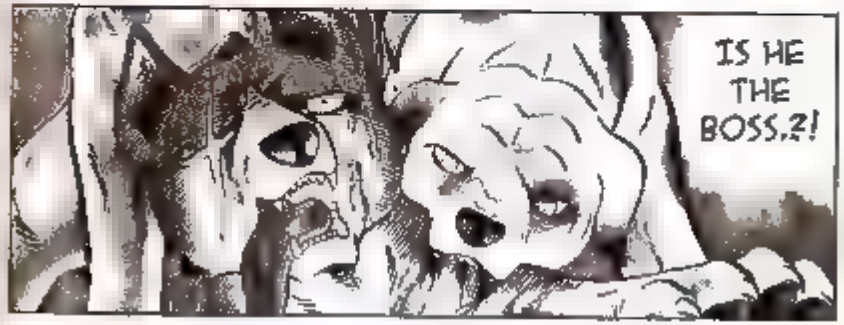
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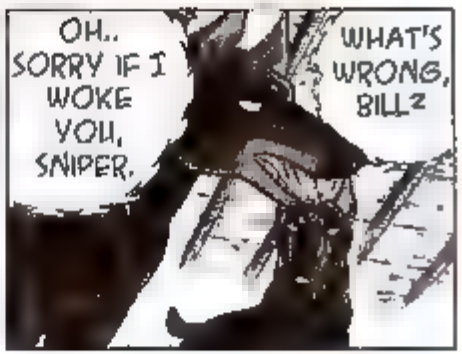
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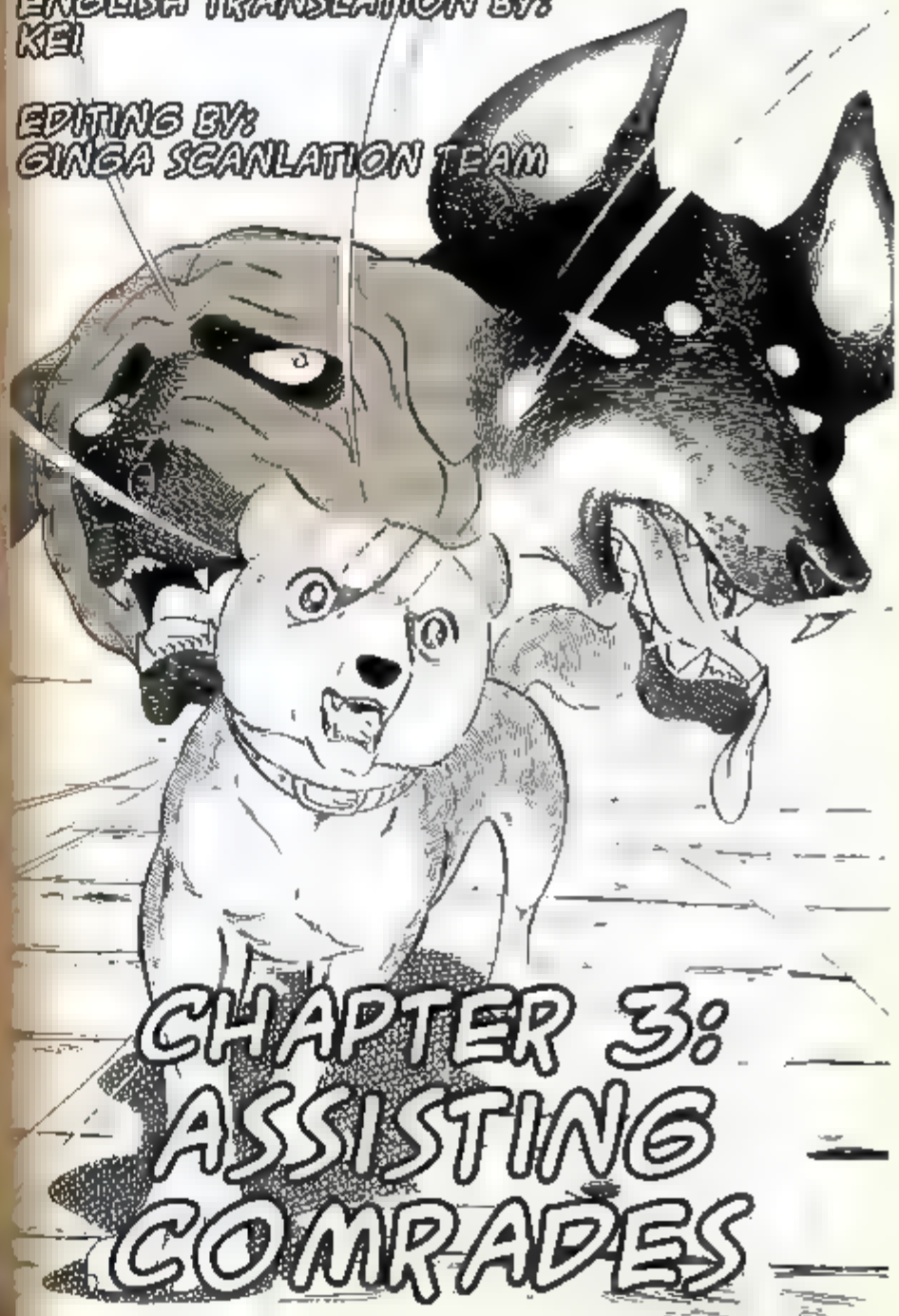
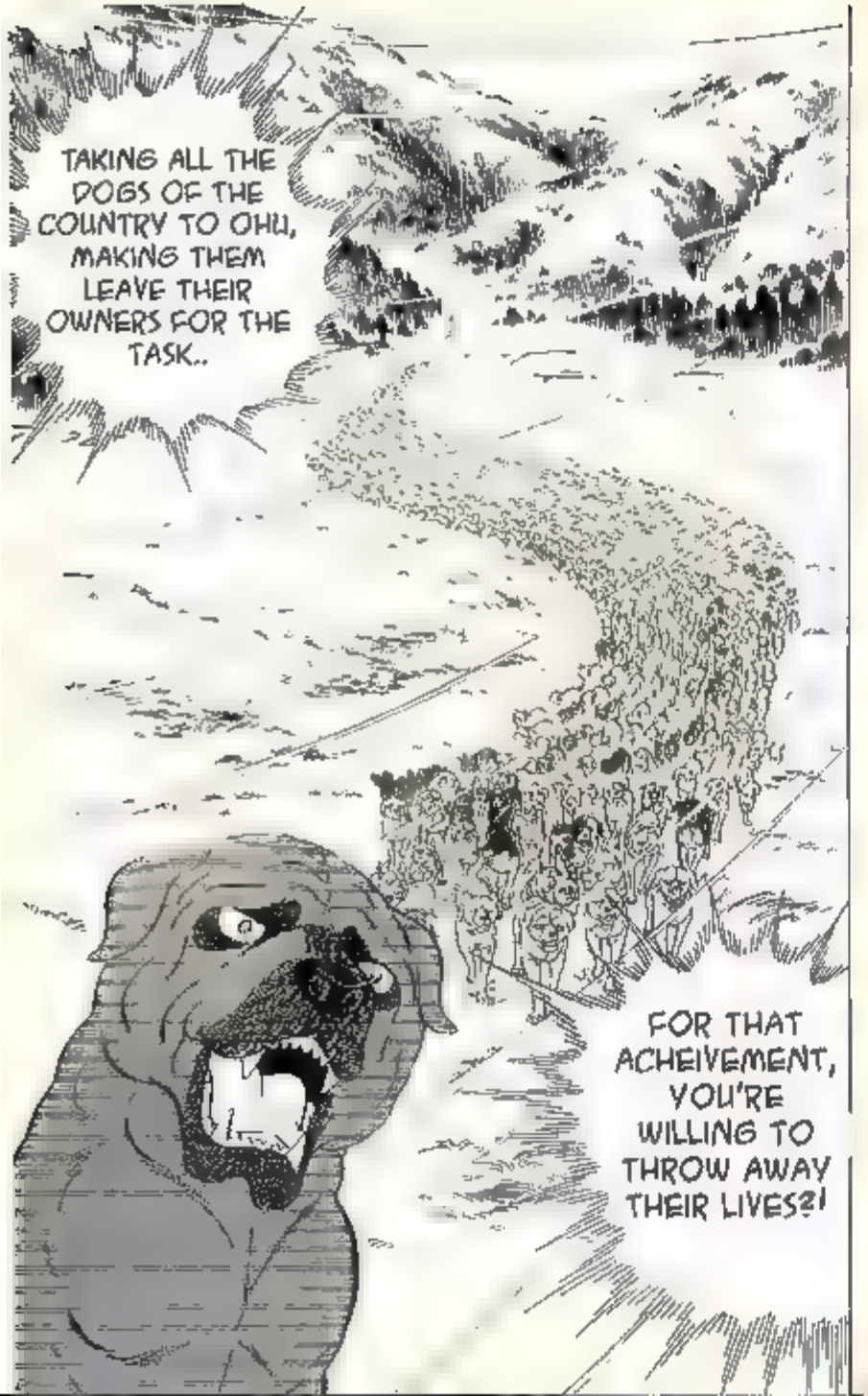


CHAPTER 3: ASSISTING COMRADES

SO WHERE ARE CHU-TORA AND KURO-TORA2
VAGA-BOND2!
I HAD TO USE ALL MY STRENGTH TO ESCAPE
I DON'T KNOW. THE DOGS JUST ENGULFED THEM.
I'LL AVENGE THEM!
COWARD-LY BASTARD!
WAIT !!

THE THREE OF US HAD NO CHANCE.
YES.. AN ARMY OF ABOUT A HUNDRED.
WHAT 2!
.THEY ALL SPRUNG UPON US.
THE MOMENT WE STARTED GETTING WORRIED..
HE'S THE LEADER OF THIS MOUNTAIN. AN ALLY OF THE TOSA DOGS.
HEH. VAGA-BOND BILL'S FOL-LOWERS.


TAKING ALL THE DOGS OF THE COUNTRY TO OHU, MAKING THEM LEAVE THEIR OWNERS FOR THE TASK..
FOR THAT ACHEIVEMENT, YOU'RE WILLING TO THROW AWAY THEIR LIVES?!

YOU'RE RIKI'S ELITE TROOPS FROM OHU, AREN'T YOU?

TRAVELLING THE COUNTRY LOOKING FOR FIGHTERS TO DEFEAT A BRUTAL BEAR NAMED AKAKA-BUTO, RIGHT?
YOUR JOURNEY OF REVENGE ISN'T UNHEARD OF HERE.

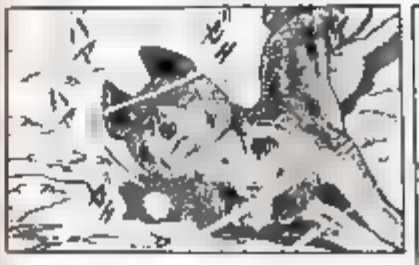
BUT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE REGRET-TED IT!
THEY FAUGHT FOR RIKI WITH ALL THEY HAD AND FAILED.

DON'T TALK, YOU'LL MAKE YOURSELF WORSE.
ALRIGHT, IT'S ALRIGHT, AKATORA

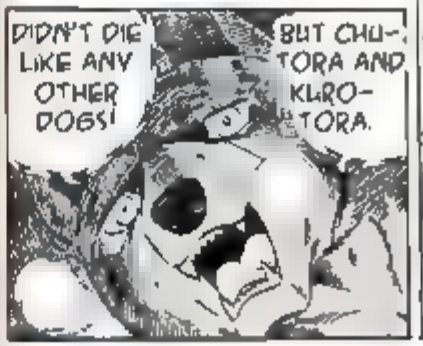
A DOG IN HIS OWN WORLD WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE HEARD OF THINGS LIKE THAT.
I'M A TOSA DOG I TRAVEL THE COUNTRY. NATRUALLY, I END UP HEARING EVERYTHING..
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR GOAL?
HOW, MUSA SHI.

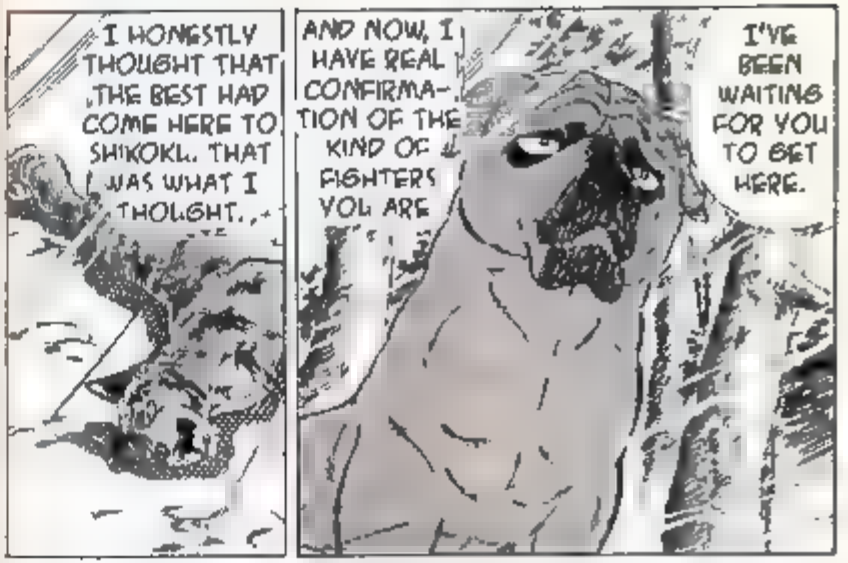
NO MATTER THE REASON, WE'RE NOT GOING TO THROW LIVES AWAY!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

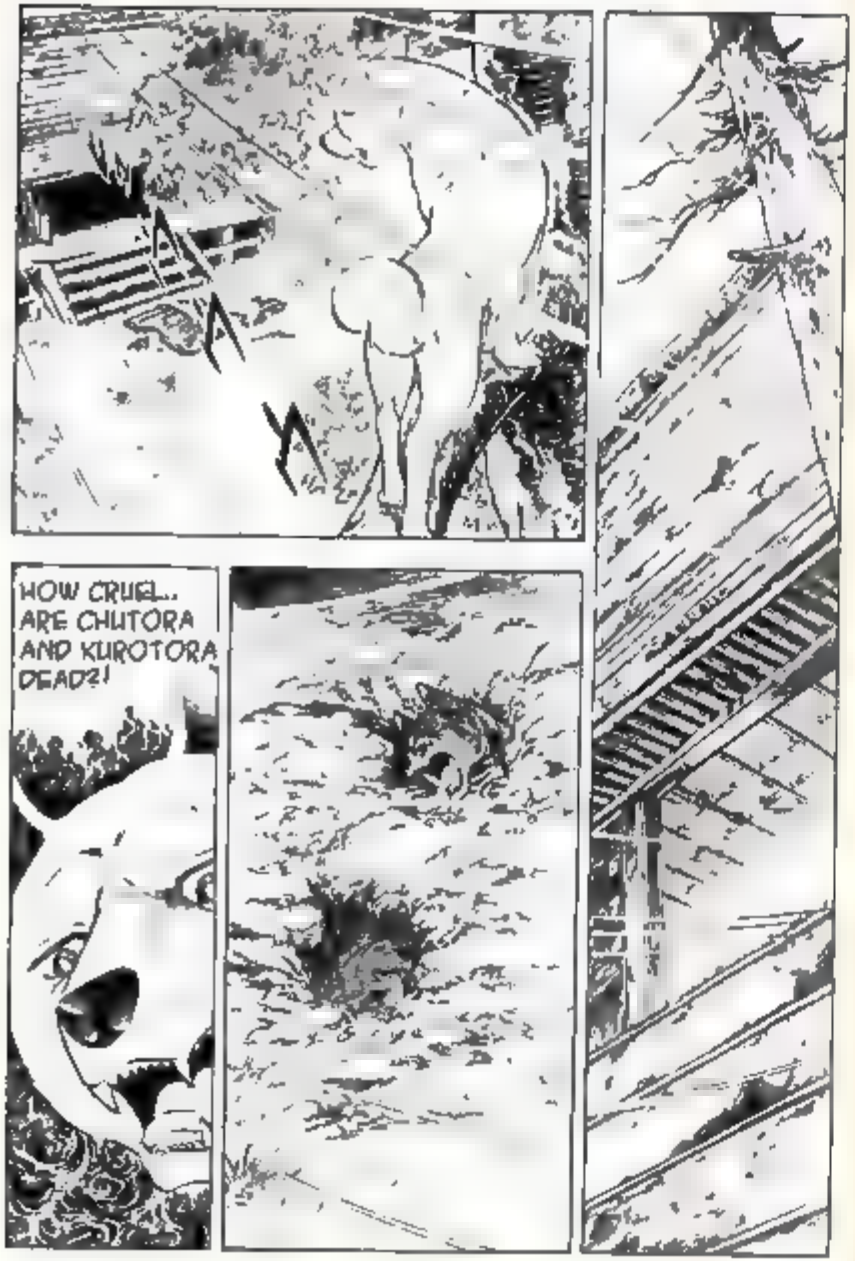
AM I WRONG?

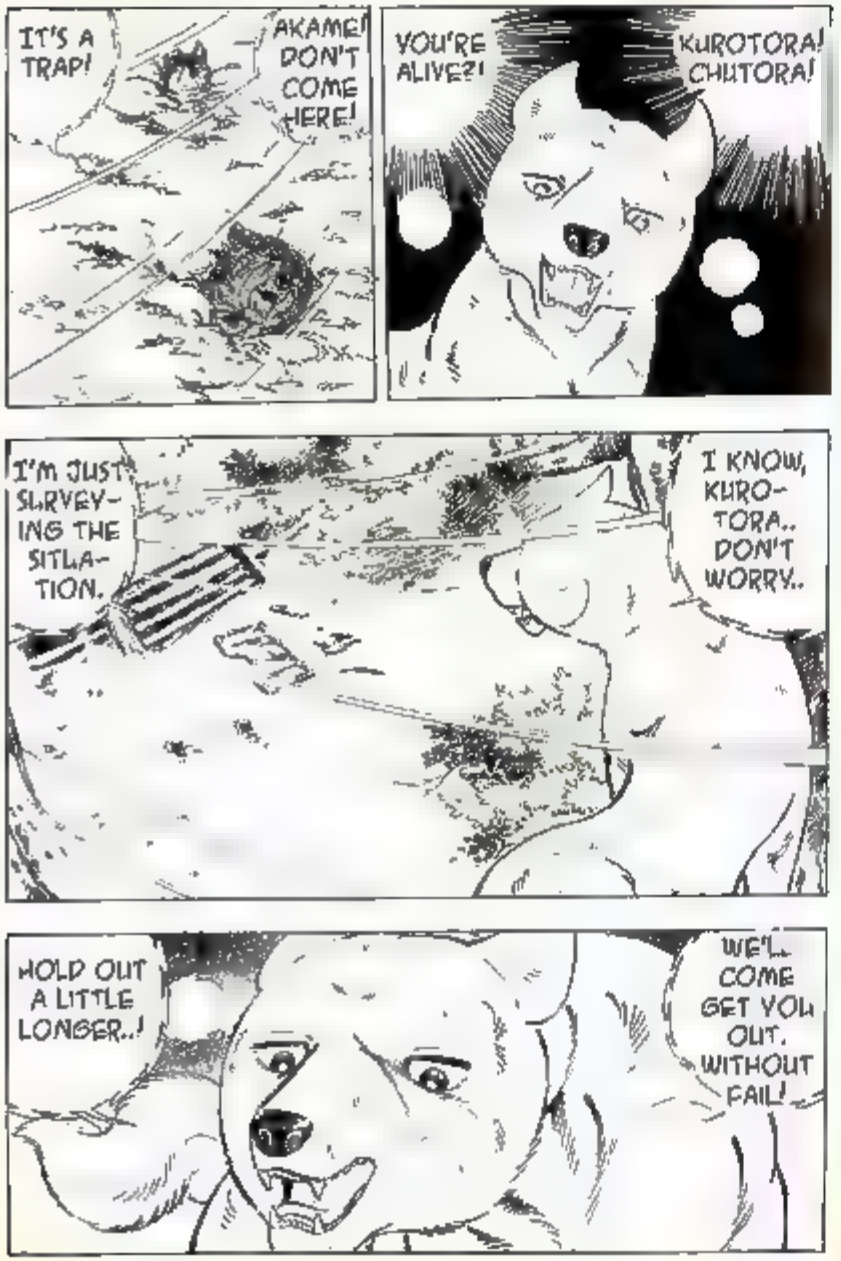


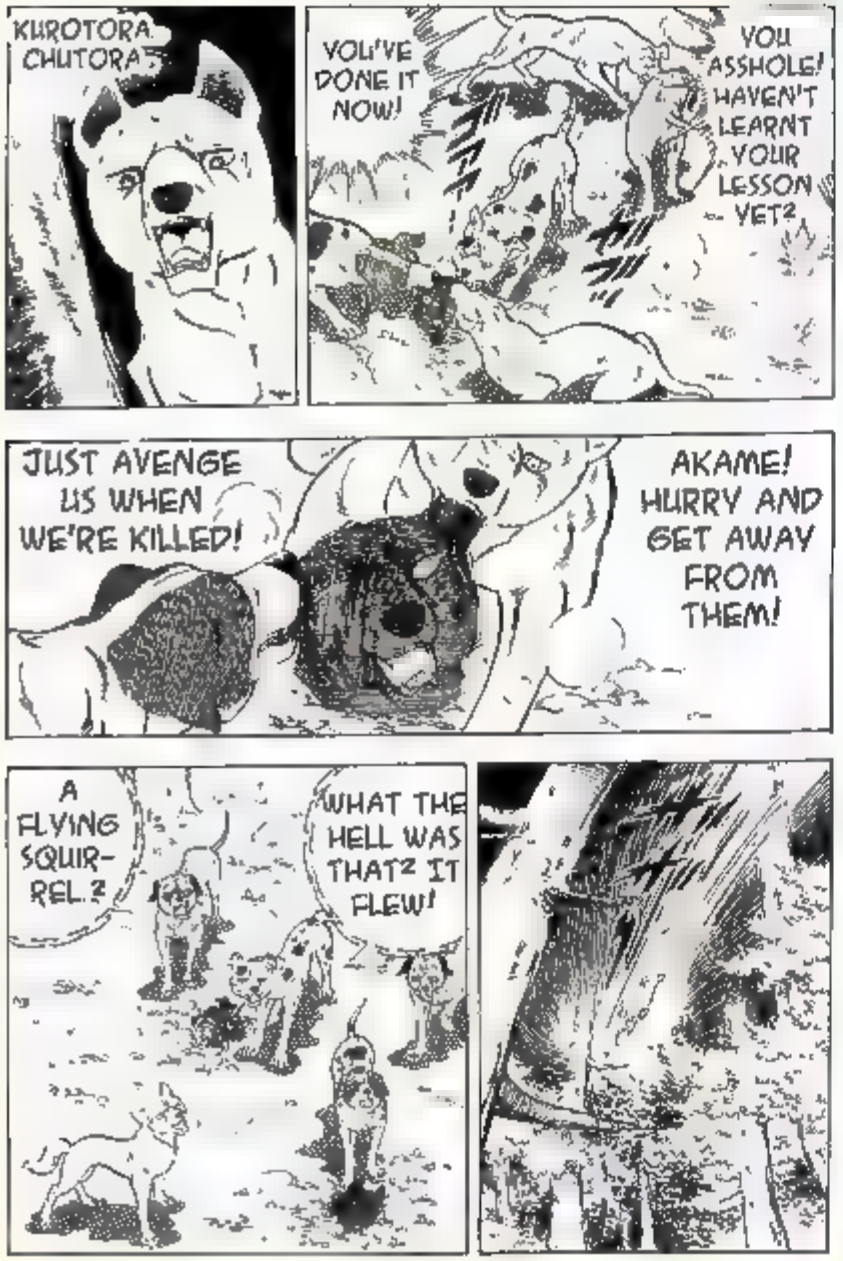
IT'S AS MUSASHI SAID.
...NO, GIN.. HE'S NOT WRONG..


DIDN'T DIE LIKE ANY OTHER DOGS!
BUT CHU-TORA AND KURO-TORA.


I HONESTLY THOUGHT THAT THE BEST HAD COME HERE TO SHIKOKU. THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT...
AND NOW, I HAVE REAL CONFIRMATION OF THE KIND OF FIGHTERS YOU ARE
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO GET HERE.
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, BASTARD?
WHAT THE HELL..
YOU THINK YOU BASTARDS ARE GOING TO TAKE THE REST OF MY LIFE?
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST USE US TOSA DOGS,?


HOW CRUEL.. ARE CHUTORA AND KUROTORA DEAD?!


IT'S A TRAP!
AKAME! DON'T COME HERE!
YOU'RE ALIVE?!
KUROTORA! CHUTORA!
I'M JUST SURVEY-ING THE SITUA-TION.
I KNOW, KURO-TORA.. DON'T WORRY..
HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER..!
WE'LL COME GET YOU OUT. WITHOUT FAIL!


KUROTORA CHUTORA!
YOU'VE DONE IT NOW!
YOU ASSHOLE! HAVEN'T LEARNT YOUR LESSON YET?
JUST AVENGE US WHEN WE'RE KILLED!
AKAME! HURRY AND GET AWAY FROM THEM!
A FLYING SQUIRREL?
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? IT FLEW!

SHUT THE HELL UP! THAT'S MY BUSINESS!
WHO'RE YOU TALKING TO?!
HEY YOU ..!!
GRR!
YOU BASTARDS!
BA-STARDS!!
GRR!

VAGABOND BILL'S NOT THE KIND TO BEAT UP INNOCENT STRAYS.
EVEN IF IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'RE NO THREAT..
..IF WE'RE TO EVEN HAVE A CHANCE AT BATTING THE R EYELIDS
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE NEED EVERY SOLDIER WE CAN GET..
THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR THAT MANY DOGS.
EVEN SO..
DIDN'T YOU SAY THEY WON'T LISTEN TO REASON?
NOW I THINK ABOUT IT..

THEY'RE NOT DOING WELL UNDER ALL OF THOSE GUARDS, AND THE BUGS FROM THE SUMMER HEAT WILL GET TO THEM..
YES.. THE KAIS WON'T LAST LONGER THAN THREE DAYS, IN THEIR CONDITION.
WHAT?! THEY BURIED THEM?!
THEY MUST'VE HAD A REASON.
WHY WOULD THEY HAVE ATTACKED THE KAIS?
THE KAIS WERE TAKEN BY DOGS OF KYUSHU?
HUH?
GIN, I DON'T GET SOMETHING..

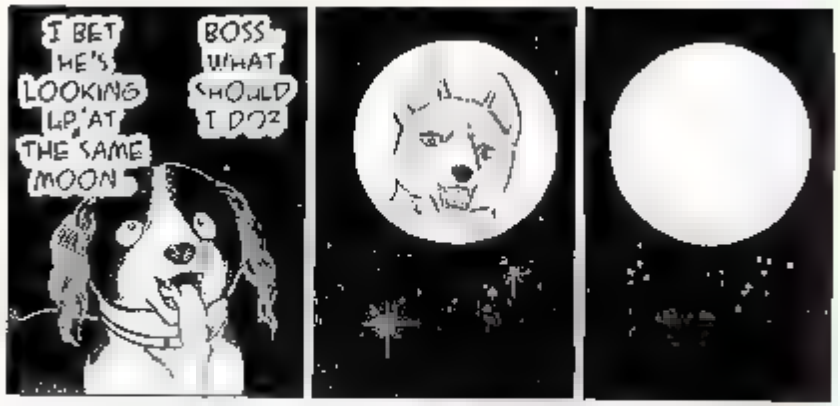
I'LL DEFI-NATELY BE BACK BY DAYBREAK TOMOR-ROW.
JUST HOLD ON AND WAIT HERE FOR ME.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT TO GO ALONE..?
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME!

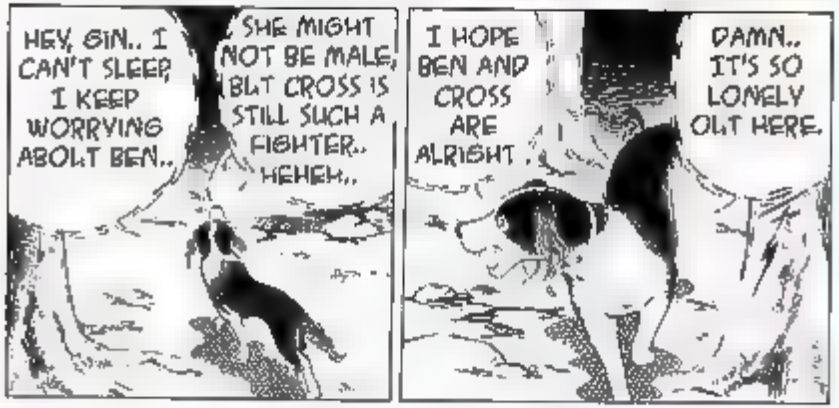
MUSASHI.. WHERE ARE YOU GOING.?
WAIT FOR ME, EVERY-ONE.

..VAGA-BOND BILL MIGHT AT LEAST LISTEN TO REASON.
IF WE GET AT LEAST 20 REAL SOLDIERS THERE..

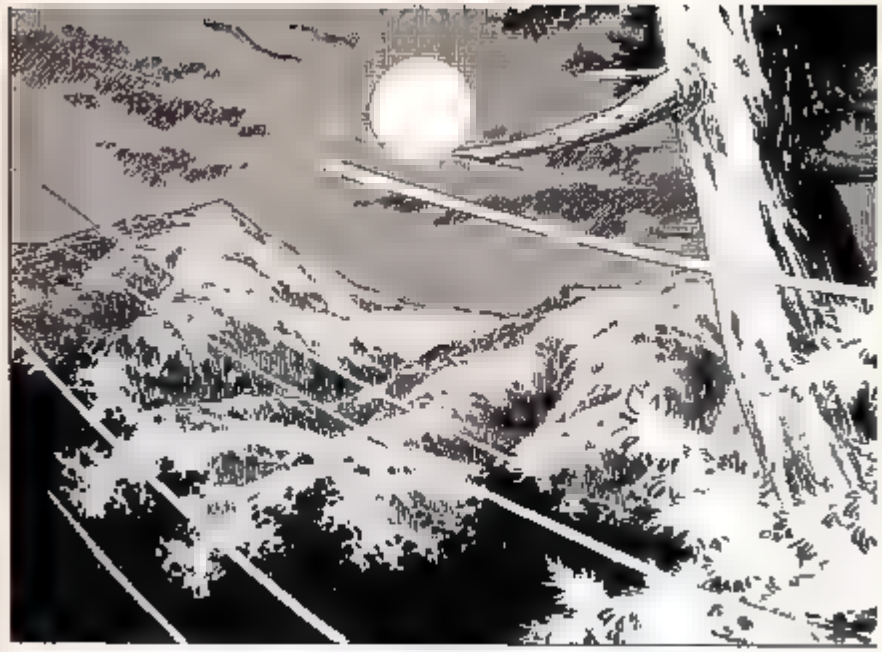
I'M GOING TO GATHER 20, MAYBE 30 OF THE TOSA DOGS!

WHAT?

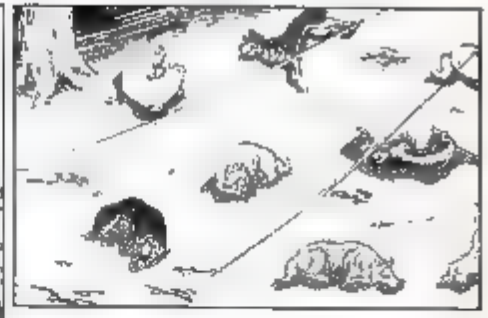

I BET HE'S LOOKING UP AT THE SAME MOON
BOSS WHAT SHOULD I DO?

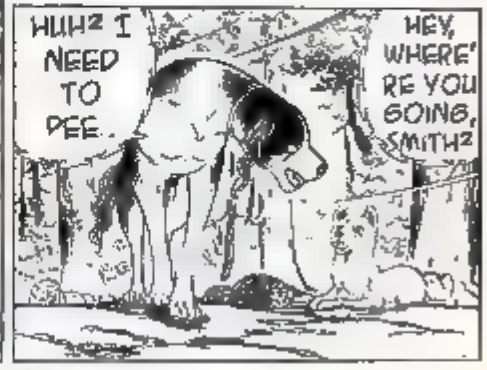

HEY, GIN.. I CAN'T SLEEP, I KEEP WORRYING ABOUT BEN..
SHE MIGHT NOT BE MALE, BUT CROSS IS STILL SUCH A FIGHTER.. HEHEH..
I HOPE BEN AND CROSS ARE ALRIGHT.
DAMN.. IT'S SO LONELY OUT HERE.

H.. HUH?!
GIN .?!



OH, IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT. THAT CAN ALWAYS MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.




HUH? I NEED TO PEE.
HEY, WHERE' RE YOU GOING, SMITH?

FOOL.. IT'S FUTILE!
DOES HE INTEND TO SAVE THE KAIS BY HIMSELF?!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, SMITH. YOU GO TOO!
WAIT, GUYS! YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE AKATORA!

WHAT WAS HE THINKING?!
HURRY! WE MIGHT NOT BE TOO LATE!

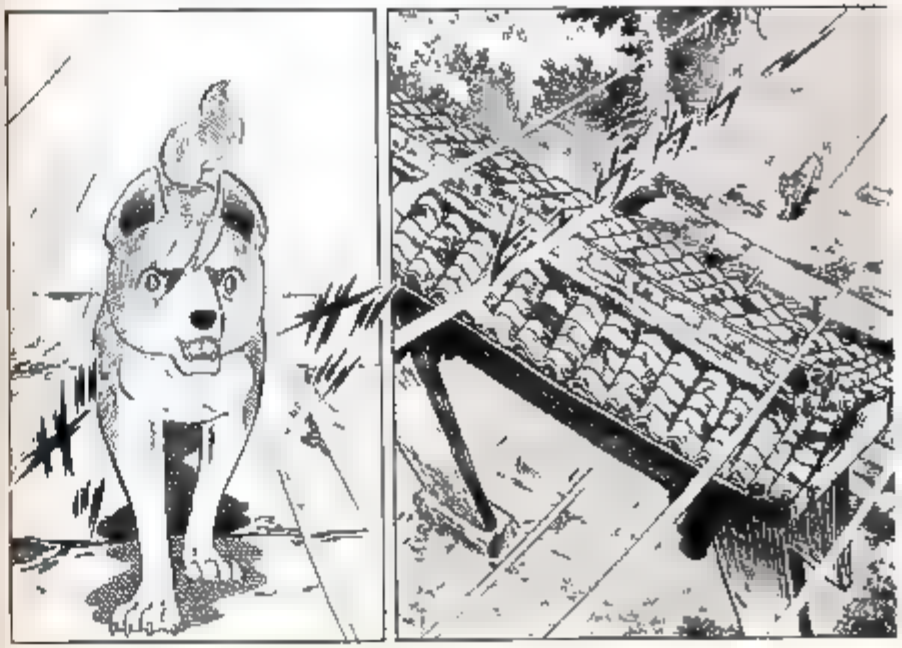
SHIT.. WHY DO I ALWAYS GET CAUGHT LIKE THIS.?!
YOU KNOW I CAN'T..

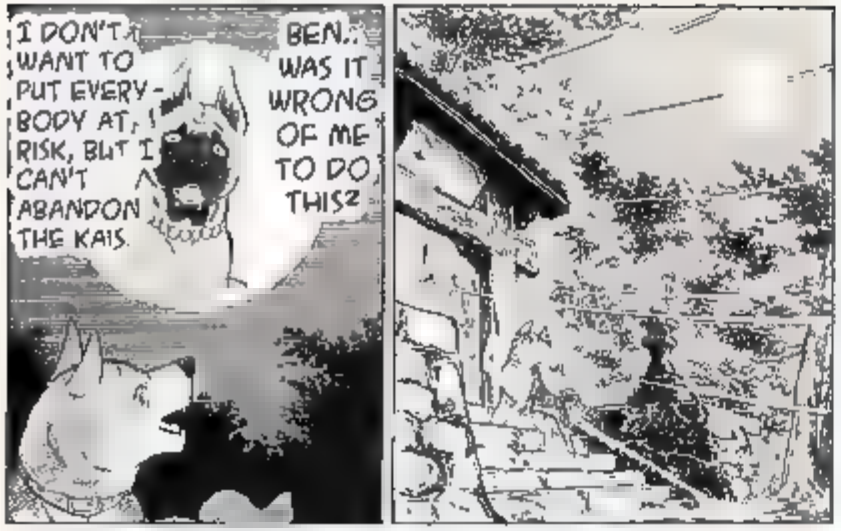
WHAT?!
GIN'S NOT HERE!

WAKE UP!! JOHN! AKAME!!
THIS IS BAD!!

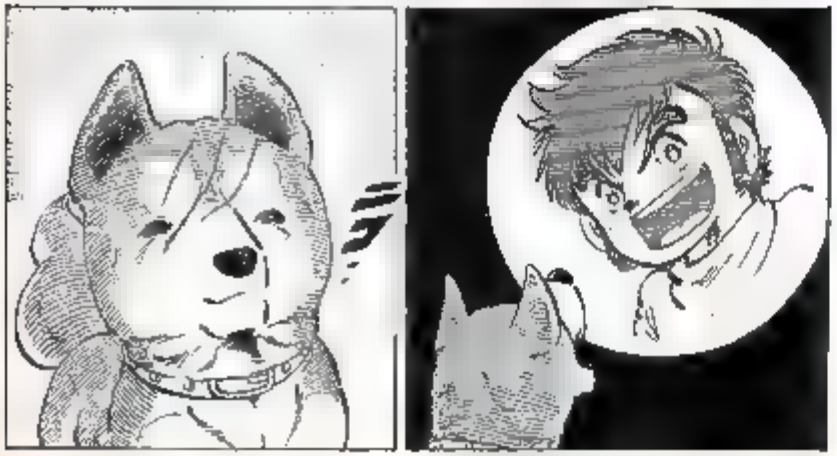
REALLY?!

IT'S BILL! HE WENT TO THE SHRINE WHERE BILL IS!
GIN!! GIN..!!




I DON'T WANT TO PUT EVERY-BODY AT RISK, BUT I CAN'T ABANDON THE KAIS.
BEN.. WAS IT WRONG OF ME TO DO THIS?

IF I GO ALONE, THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK TO ME..
IF WE ALL WENT TOGETHER, WE COULD FAIL..



WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, BRAT?!
THIS ISN'T A PLACE A KID LIKE YOU CAN STEP INTO. GO HOME!

BUT WHO ARE YOU GUYS INTENDING TO FIGHT?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

A LITTLE ONE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED
SOME REAL TROUBLE IS GONNA BREAK OUT HERE SOON

WHAT?!

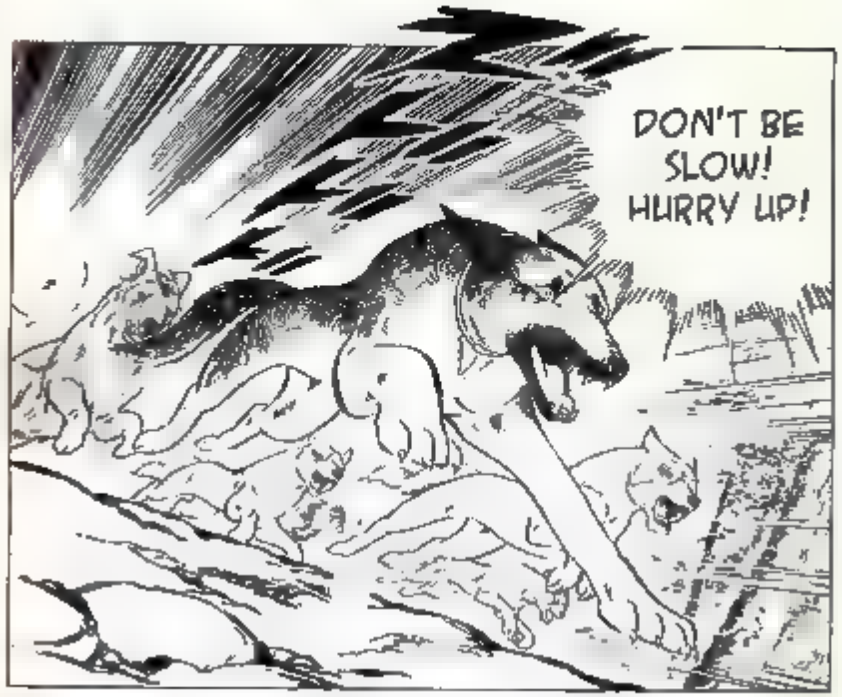
CALM DOWN CALM DOWN
THERE'S A LOT OF DOGS NEARBY

THAT KID'S ALL BY HIMSELF.
HEY. WHAT'S HE DOING?

THAT VOICE..
HEH. I KNEW YOU'D COME HERE.
YOU GOT PROMOTER GIN?
SNIPER .2!
BASTARD ..!
I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU WHO'RE FAITHFUL TO THE BOSS!
DOESN'T MATTER. IT ALL ENDS HERE FOR YOU.

I'VE COME HERE TO SPEAK TO BILL, YOUR BOSS!
I'M GIN, A FOLLOWER OF RIKI IN OHU.
HE WILL RETURN MY COMRADES TO ME!
WHY THE HELL DID YOU TAKE MY COMRADES ?!

WHO THE HELL ARE THEY?!
HIT THE ROAD!
GIVE UP, STRAYS.
WHAT PART OF "HIT THE ROAD" DON'T YOU GET?!


DON'T BE SLOW! HURRY UP!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WENT ALONE!
GIN, YOU FOOL ..

WAIT! STOP THERE!
UHH ?!

!!

GRR!

CAN YOU ONLY FIGHT BY AMBUSH OR SOMETHING?!
WHAT THE HELL..

GET THE HELL OUT!
DIS-GUSTING STRAYS!

WHAT?!
THEY'RE THE HEROES FROM OHU- I SPOKE OF!
THEY'RE OUR COMRADES!
MUSASHI!
JOHN, WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MEANT TO BE THE BEST!
WHAT THE F HELL'S WITH YOU TOSAS?
HE WENT TO TRY TO CLEAR UP THE SITUATION
OH YEAH
SORRY. I COMPLETELY-MISUNDERSTOOD IS YOUR NECK ALRIGHT?

I'LL SHOW YOU I'M NO REGULAR STRAY!
BASTARD!
ANNOYING KID!
STOP IT!
WAIT, JOHN! STOP EVERYONE!

SIR!
HURRY, ALL OF YOU!
WE NEED TO MAKE HASTE.
THE VAGABOND HAS A FEW HUNDRED SOLDIERS, BUT EVEN TEN OF US TOSAS ARE ENOUGH!

FOOL ..
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT..
WHAT.. SIN DID?! THAT LITTLE KID WENT OUT ALL ALONE TO TRY AND REASON WITH THEM?!
WE'VE COME TO AID YOU AGAINST THAT DEMON!

YES!
KILL HIM! DON'T LET HIM GET OUT ALIVE!

THERE'S NO POINT IN YOUR PATHETIC LAST WORDS!
SHUT THE HELL UP, GIN!!

YOU DID THIS TO US!
SNIPER, YOU..

DO IT!
I WON'T FORGIVE A LITTLE SHIT LIKE YOU!
SHUT UP!
YOU'VE BEEN MANIPU-LATED BY HIM!
WAIT, ALL OF YOU!

UAGH!
GRR!

HOW THE HELL CAN HE DO THAT?!
WHAT THE HELL..
YOUR BOSS IS WHO I WANT TO MEET! BRING HIM OUT!
AREN'T ANY OF YOU GOING TO LISTEN TO ME?!

NO MATTER HOW MANY I GET, MORE KEEP COMING FOR ME..
IT'S USELESS.. THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM..
YIPE!
HEH.. CAN'T YOU DEAL WITH IT, GIN?
RRGH!
GRR!

BRING OUT YOUR BOSS! WHERE ARE THE KAIS?!
GIVE UP! GET THE HELL AWAY!
CHU-TORA! IT'S GIN!
THAT VOICE ..!!
KAIS! THERE YOU ARE..!
IT'S A TRAP! DON'T COME OVER HERE!
GIN, DON'T COME HERE!

HE'S GOING TOWARD THE BOSS' SHRINE!
DON'T LET HIM GO! CHASE HIM!
THE BOSS HATES BEING WOKEN UP!
THE BOSS IS SLEEPING RIGHT NOW! HURRY UP!
KAIS ..!!

DON'T COME HERE! IT'S A TRAP!
GIN, IT'S USELESS! DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!
WE'RE TOGETHER IN THIS! IF WE DIE, WE DIE TOGETHER!
DON'T BE STUPID!
GIN, ABOVE YOU!

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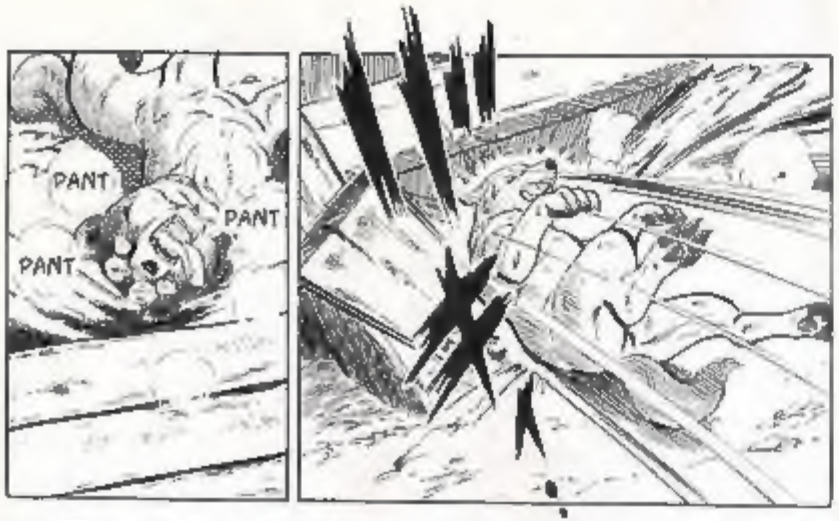
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GIN
..
IS THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN FIGHT?!
ATTACKING BY AMBUSH IS COWARDLY, YOU BASTARD!

YOU'RE THE ONE GOING TO HELL!
GO TO HELL, YOU LITTLE SHIT!

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